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Even if there were to be some expensive settlements soon, however, their effect would take time to work through.

Ministers are clearly determined to get all the credit possible for the reduction in the inflation rate, and Mr Barnett went out of his way to emphasize that achieving single-figure inflation had been possible only because of the "firm if not always too popular" stance the Government had taken in wage negotiations.

He reaffirmed that the Budget on April 11 would contain a little action to stimulate the economy and bring down unemployment.

But he gave a warning against expecting too much in the way of tax cuts, limiting himself to a pledge that real personal living standards would rise for everyone during the year if tax cuts and wage rises within the guidelines were added together.

He added that the balance of payments gain from North Sea oil would enable the Government to run the economy at a higher pace than would otherwise be possible, thus indicating the way in which the Government hopes to use the benefit provided.

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The Price Commission took two factors into account in discussions with British Gas. One was that last April's price rises, averaging 10 per cent were allowed under an order made by Mr Benn because the Chancellor of the Exchequer wanted British Gas to repay to the Government an additional £100m in loans as its contribution to reducing public sector borrowing. That order expires at the end of next month.

The commission also judged that by the spring British Gas would have eliminated an excess profit of £36m accrued in the year ended March, 1977.

Coal prices: The National Coal Board has confirmed that the price of coal is to go up by a tenth (Malcolm Brown writes). It said yesterday that power stations and industry would pay the new rates next month but domestic users would not face increases until October.

Householders will probably feel the effect of the rises indirectly before October, however, because of electricity bills. The extra cost to electricity consumers is likely to be about 5 per cent.

Russia's Ogaden commander named

Peking, Feb 10.—Somalia's Ambassador to Peking today named a Soviet general as commander of the Cuban and Russian detachments aiding Ethiopia against Somali forces in the horn of Africa war and said they had taken exclusive combat responsibility.

"The commander of these foreign forces is a Russian whose name is General Grigory Grigoryevich Barisov, a former military expert in Somalia," Mr Muhammad Ismail Kahin said in a statement issued here.

He said Ethiopia's claim to have pushed back Somali forces was "ridiculous and devoid of any grain of truth." It was aimed at raising morale, spreading misleading information and concealing that Russian, Cuban and other troops were conducting the war on behalf of Ethiopia.

With Russia and Cuba taking the exclusive combat responsibilities in the field, the withdrawals had not weakened the Western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF) position at all but had given it the opportunity of repulsing enemy forces with serious losses

He added that the Russians were manning tanks and flying on bombing missions while the Cubans were put in charge of artillery and engineering services as well as being used as airborne troops.—Reuter.

Somali regulars: President Siad Barre of Somalia has disclosed that Somali regulars are fighting in Ethiopia's Ogaden province.

He told the West German magazine *Der Spiegel* in an interview that regulars had gone in since foreign forces joined Ethiopian troops against Somali-backed guerrillas. He said the Somali town of Hargeisa, about 35 miles from the Ethiopian border was being bombed daily.

Repeating that he was disappointed that the West had not come to Somalia's aid, President Barre said: "If the Russians are not thrown out of this region, the Third World War could break out."—Agence France-Presse.

Advance to Jijiga: Diplomatic sources in Addis Ababa said Ethiopian troops, preceded by heavy air and artillery bombardments, were advancing in a pincer movement against the Somali-held town of Jijiga.

The Ethiopians have gained some 12 miles in their advance and are now about halfway toward Jijiga, which was captured by Somali troops late last year.

Ethiopia today appealed to Somalia to give up the battle for the Ogaden, saying it wanted to live in peace and harmony with its neighbours. In a statement issued by its embassy in Rome, it said Ethiopian forces now on the offensive in the Ogaden would spare the lives of any Somali who surrendered immediately.—UPI, Reuter.

9,000 refugees: A United Nations official in Geneva said some 1,000 additional refugees fleeing from the fighting have arrived in Djibouti, bringing the total there to about 9,000. The most recent arrivals said they estimated that 1,000 more refugees were on their way.

The Somali Government has asked the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for help.

The Djibouti Cabinet has approved the setting up of a national refugee committee and an aid office for refugees.—Reuter, Agence France-Presse.

"Guerrillas winning": A senior Ethiopian official who fled from Eritrea in fear of his life has said the guerrillas there will win within months.

"Ethiopia has lost the war in Eritrea", Mr Mengesha Gessesa, the former deputy governor of the province who recently defected to seek safe passage to Sudan, said. "It is becoming clear that Eritrea will be a free province in a matter of months."

He said he fled from Asmara, besieged by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, after losing hope that a peaceful solution could be reached.—Reuter.

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Vote not needed on child pornography Bill

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

The Commons gave a second reading without dissent yesterday to the Protection of Children Bill, which is aimed at preventing children from being exploited for pornographic purposes in films and photographs.

There was no need for a vote as the large turnout of MPs made clear their revulsion at what Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, described as "the muckiest, most horrific stuff I have ever had to look at".

Mr Cyril Townsend, Conservative MP for Bexley, Bexleyheath, the Bill's sponsor, said that those who sexually exploited children were evil men whose activities must be curbed.

Sir Michael Havers, QC, Conservative legal affairs spokesman, said that by giving the Bill their blessing MPs would be saving the sanity and future happiness of many children.

He said that in the United States child pornography was a major crime industry, involving large sums of money. There was the danger, Sir Michael said, that recent legislation in the United States which would cut off supplies to Britain might encourage domestic production.

The Bill's chance of enactment was given a boost when Mr John, Minister of State, Home Office, said the Government would do nothing to deny the proposed legislation a second reading.

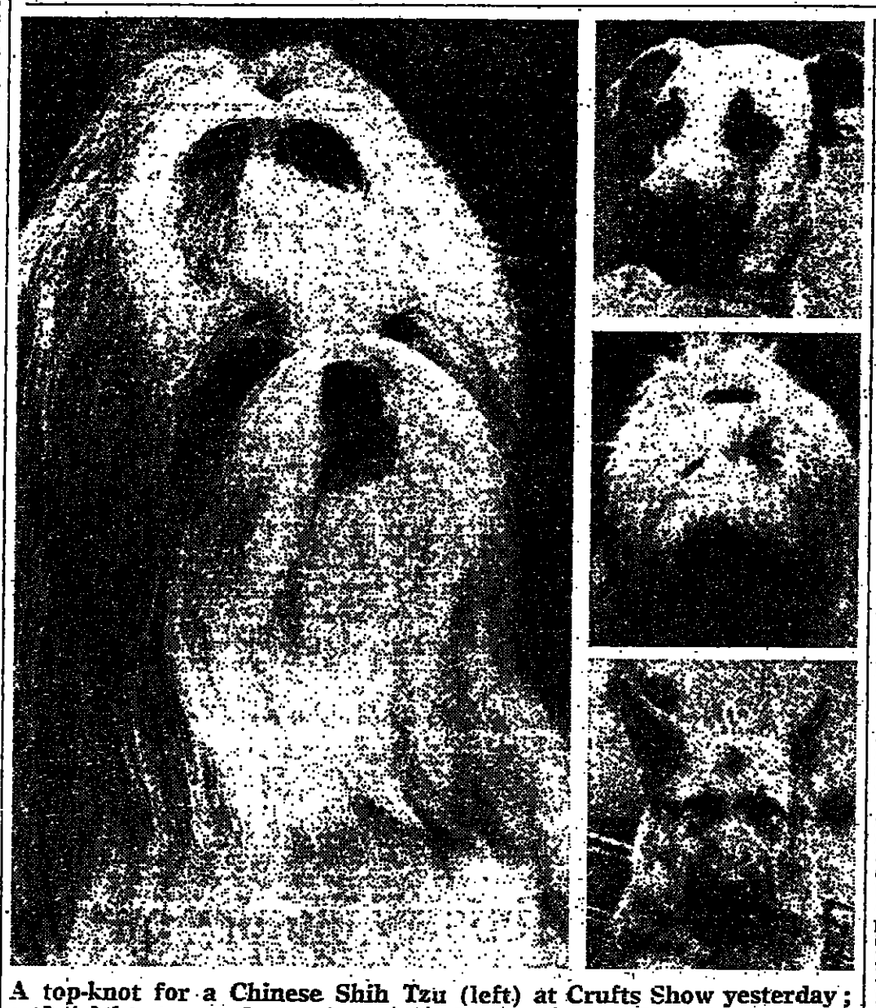
The Home Office, he said, yielded to no one in its detestation of the use of children in pornography and believed that no civilized society should tolerate corruption of children either for perverted sexual pleasure or, worse, a cynical desire to profit from the perversions of others.

Mr John said that ministers were determined to enable the law to give every reasonable assistance to the police in bringing those guilty of those vile practices to justice. He maintained that the law as it stood was capable of dealing with the situation, but he accepted that there might be some theoretical gaps that the Bill could help to plug.

Mr Townsend, and later Mr Eldon Griffiths, parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, raised many hackles, not only on the Government front bench but also among Labour MPs generally. Mr John, however, did much to soothe injured feelings, promising that the Government's aim in committee would be to try to improve the Bill by moving amendments.

There would be no attempt to strangle the measure and be recognized that the House was united in its detestation of child pornography. However, Mr John denied the claim of a police officer in *The Times* on Thursday that three-quarters of that type of pornography was home produced.

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A top-knot for a Chinese Shih Tzu (left) at Crufts Show yesterday; and (right, top to bottom) a great Dane, an old English sheepdog, and an Alsatian among the record entry. (Report, page 2.)

Salvage men taken off stricken rig as gales end refloating operation

Six salvage men were taken off the crippled Orion oil rig off Guernsey's west coast by lifeboat yesterday as gales and snowstorms ended the day's attempts to salvage the 19,000-ton Norwegian-owned rig.

The St Peter Port lifeboat was called out after fears for the safety of the men, who had worked overnight pumping compressed air into the hull of the rig.

The Orion was driven on to rocks by storms while on tow from Rotterdam to Brazil last week.

The salvage men may have to wait a fortnight before making another attempt on the rig. An inspection later showed it had moved slightly, but had then rested back securely on the waterlogged barge beneath it.

The London Weather Centre said that over much of Britain yesterday temperatures did not rise above freezing. Further snow fell in many eastern areas.

London with a maximum temperature of just under 1°C had its coldest day since February 1, 1976.

The RAC reported yesterday that 200,000 miles of roads were affected by ice and snow.

Gritting gangs worked through Thursday night in most areas keeping the main routes as clear as possible but side roads were treacherous because of ice and fresh falls of snow over ice.

Motorists were warned to drive with extreme care, to keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead and to be careful when braking and cornering.

In London and the Home Counties, main roads, though icy, were reasonably clear of snow.

The RAC warned drivers that roads in east Surrey were treacherous. Because of an industrial dispute, gritting gangs refused to work outside normal daytime hours and roads in the Caterham and Reigate area were left untreated after the night's snow.

The A1 was blocked for short periods several times yesterday by heavy vehicles jack-knifing north of Alnwick, Northumberland. Traffic queues of almost two miles long built up.

The death toll in last week's Highland blizzards has risen to six, with the discovery of the body of Mr James Campbell, aged 71, outside his croft, near Carbridge.

Police said Mr Campbell's sister reported on Wednesday that he had been missing for six days.

Terminal three at Heathrow airport, London, was brought to a standstill yesterday when all staff in the check-in area walked out in protest over the cold.

Staff from all the main airlines and dozens of smaller airlines left their posts for 30 minutes, saying that it was impossible to work.

The staff went back to work after assurances from the British Airports Authority that all the automatic doors which were jammed open would be repaired immediately.

The tanker drivers' dispute also affected Heathrow, when heating in the gaterooms and piers of all three terminals was switched off to conserve fuel. Passengers stepped from the warmth of their aircraft into chilly corridors.

Mr Hugh Faulkner, director of Help the Aged, yesterday urged people to call on elderly neighbours to make sure they had adequate heating facilities and enough fuel and hot food.

Milan, Feb 10.—Heavy snowfalls covered most of north Italy today, hampering traffic, delaying trains and closing airports.—AP.

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19 arrests in National Front rally clashes

From John Chartres
Bolton

Nineteen people were arrested in scuffles and running fights with police in Bolton, Greater Manchester, last night when more than 1,000 people demonstrated against a National Front meeting in the town hall.

Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, used mounted police to contain the demonstration. Twenty men separated one element from a more passive section, who listened to speeches against the National Front by local trade union and Labour Party leaders.

At one stage demonstrators broke through the police cordon and orange smoke flares and fireworks were thrown.

The counter-demonstration became violent when about a hundred National Front supporters entered the town hall to hear Mr John Tyndall, their chairman, explain policy. There was another ugly scene when Mr Anderton appeared at the main entrance in plain clothes and was picked out by television lights.

The demonstration was the most vigorous so far against the recent series of National Front meetings in the Greater Manchester area. It began last October when Mr Anderton deployed more than 6,000 policemen to separate political extremists.

Rally approved: The National Front was given permission yesterday to hold a youth rally in Birmingham next Saturday, despite protests from political, religious and community relations groups (the Press Association reports).

Threatened ban: A National Front member faces the possibility of being banned for five years from taking part in local or national elections as either a voter or a candidate because he broke the election laws.

In the High Court yesterday Mr Justice Donaldson refused to excuse Mr Frank Berry, unsuccessful National Front candidate in the local council election in Poplar, London, last March, for the offences.

Next week Mr Berry, who is chairman of the Front's Tower Hamlets branch, will appear before magistrates to answer summonses of breaches of the Representation of the People Act. If he is convicted the penalty could be the five-year ban.

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Ritz Grill is being replaced by a casino

By Alan Hamilton

The place where the angels danced and the Aga Khan once dined will shortly be serving chips of a different kind. The Ritz Grill, of fond memory and illustrious clientele, is to become a casino.

The Ritz, in Piccadilly, has been undergoing refurbishment since it was bought in 1976 by the Trafalgar House group, which owns, as well as six other slightly less ritzy hotels in London, the Queen Elizabeth 2 liner and the *Daily Express*.

When Douglas Fairbanks and Charles Chaplin, Nubar Gulbenkian and Mrs Jacqueline Onassis, Evelyn Waugh and Aly Khan lent the grill room the glitter of their presence, they were not seeing it at its best.

The downstairs room was conceived by the founder, Cesar Ritz, as the ballroom, and was created by the architects, Mewes and Davis, as a spectacular piece of Edwardian rococo, resplendent in stucco and gold leaf and harmonizing with the Louis XVI style of the rest of the building.

In the 1930s, when the ballroom became the grill, it was hastily redecorated and most of its original splendour hidden.

The Ritz, built in 1906 with its arcade and imposing façade of grey Norwegian granite and Portland stone, was saved by the late Richard Crossman, who had it declared a listed historic building in 1966. Now, under the watchful eye of the Greater London Council historic buildings surveyor, the ballroom is being restored meticulously for the benefit of gamblers.

Restoration will have cost more than £1m by the time the casino opens, probably in May. Doors of quartered walnut veneer with cast brass mouldings, costing £1,000 each, are being fitted; a decorative painter is using more than 6,000 books of gold leaf to restore the plasterwork; and an entire collection of furniture has been commissioned from France. A sculptor has been retained to carve a baroque "Emergency Exit" sign.

The previous, more discreet, owners of the Ritz would no doubt have approved of such thoroughness, but, presumably would not have boasted of the expense.

Restoration is being carried out by Mr Robert Eush, an interior designer specializing in restorations of the period. He has recently refurbished the Café de la Paix in Paris to the satisfaction of the French Ministry of Fine Arts.

Since the glamour of the Ritz Grill faded and a chill economic wind forced its closure in 1975, the room has been used as a store.

When the Ritz opened, a single bedroom, without bath but including attendance and electric light, cost 10s 6d, with breakfast at 2s and servants' board at 6s a day. It was probably the first hotel in London to have telephones in every room. Bed and breakfast is now offered at between £18 and £50.

The management is not directly operating a casino but has leased the premises to an independent company, Ritz Casino Ltd, which is partly owned by the rival Grand Metropolitan Hotels.

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Settlement in balance: Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, taking a day off from the internal settlement talks to attend a parade of newly commissioned Army officers at Gwelo. The fate of the talks will be decided tomorrow by the executive of Bishop Muzorewa's United African National Council Page 5

Hospital inquiry ends

The public inquiry into conditions at Normansfield mental hospital, in Greater London, ended a year after it started. The estimated cost is £500,000 Page 3

Mr Trudeau wants Russia's friendship

Mr Trudeau, the Prime Minister, has described the newly uncovered Soviet espionage operation in Canada as disturbing but added that there is no reason why the two countries should not have good relations. Moscow has described the Canadian charges against the expelled Soviet envoys as absolutely groundless Page 5

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Ulster bus bomb attack fails

From Our Correspondent
Belfast

Seven Ulster schoolchildren and a bus driver escaped unhurt yesterday when a booby-trap bomb fell off their moving vehicle and exploded behind it in the road.

The murder attempt was believed to be the latest in the IRA's intensified campaign, made apparently in defiance of outcry caused by the murder of a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment and his daughter aged 10 in Maghera, co Londonderry, on Wednesday.

The bus driver, also a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, had collected the children in the outlying districts of Ballymoney, co Antrim, yesterday morning to take them to the primary school at Rasharkin.

They had travelled for almost seven miles when the bus hit a bump. A few moments later there was a loud explosion and the vehicle was showered with debris from a crater in the road. The driver stopped the bus and the children scattered.

In the same area another booby-trap bomb, attached to a gate in a field, exploded when the farmer opened the gate. The man, a part-time reserve con-

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HOME NEWS

Tory council plans to use rates on places in independent schools

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Conservatives in Greater Manchester believe they have found a loophole in the law under which the council they control could spend up to £10m a year on places at independent schools for bright children.

The Government took powers under the Education Act, 1976, to regulate arrangements made by local education authorities in the independent sector, but it has no power to control similar arrangements made by the non-education authorities. They are the district councils, metropolitan county councils, such as Greater Manchester, and the inner London boroughs.

Under the local government Acts, local authorities without education responsibilities may spend up to the product of a 2p rate in the interests of the inhabitants of their areas. That has usually been taken to mean the arts, museums, theatres and the like.

In Greater Manchester, where a 2p rate would produce about £10m, the council has asked its officials to find out whether that money could be used to help to pay for children who were due to go to fee-paying independent and direct-grant schools next September until Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, vetoed the plans.

So far the minister has refused applications from English local education authorities to take up a total of 959 places in independent schools on the ground that the children had been chosen for those places on the basis of their ability, and that the arrangements were therefore not consistent with the Government's policy for ending selection.

Mr J. A. MacCarron, deputy chairman of the Greater Manchester Council's policy committee, pointed out that the same legislation was used four years ago by the then Labour-controlled county council in order to allow the use of its funds to pay for some school milk after Mrs Thatcher, the Conservative education minister, had decided that local education authorities should no longer do so. Several other Labour-controlled authorities had followed suit.

Mr Dudley Fiske, president of the Society of Education Officers, said that if the use of the clause could extend to the funding of independent school places, there was presumably no reason why it should not be used for discretionary awards for students or other matters usually carried out exclusively by education authorities.

Tavistocks finding Woburn a strain

By Robin Young

Lady Tavistock succeeded yesterday in attracting as much press and broadcasting attention to Woburn Abbey as might reasonably be expected if a lioness had escaped from the safari park and stalked the picture galleries.

"If we wanted every national newspaper, every broadcasting station and every television company to come to Woburn, do you think we could get them?" she asked at the end of what appeared to have been an exhausting day, "no way!"

Woburn has not done so well for publicity since the Duke of Bedford retired to France three years ago, leaving it in the care of his son, Lord Tavistock. Therin lay the cause of the excitement.

Referring to the duke's premature departure in an interview given some months ago to the *New York Times*, Lady Tavistock suggested that it was unfair for her family to have been saddled with responsibility for Woburn so soon. The British press swooped on the comment with avidity when the interview was published.

"The timing was very sad", Lady Tavistock, who has three sons, said. "Normally my husband would not have expected to inherit until the duke died, by which time he might have been 60 and my eldest son 40. By then they would have been able to enjoy family life. As it is, we have no chance to be together a lot.

"It is an enormous strain on the family and the children. I have a ring with about a hundred keys on it, because all the doors and windows must be kept locked. I have to take them with me wherever I go.

"It is like living in a museum. There are 42 antique shops, five restaurants, seven shops, a golf course, a 400-acre game park.

Even Sunday evenings in summer bring no relief. "That is when we all have to set to, to pick up the litter", Lady Tavistock observed. "I never wanted to live here but I cannot just say 'to hell with it' and leave, so I hold the fort during the week."

With the press clamouring at the portals of the ancestral home, Lady Tavistock telephoned her father-in-law to explain. The duke, a dab hand with publicity affairs, was apparently unperturbed.

"He said that I had already told him all this before, so it was no surprise. He also said, which was very nice, that one should never be worried about what the papers say, because people read them one day and wrap their fish and chips in them the next."

Lord Tavistock, who is chairman of Cedar Investment Trust and on the board of one of the largest investment companies in the City, Touche Remnant, as well as being proprietor of Woburn, commented: "I never expected to have to run Woburn.

"It has meant that I see much less of my children and my wife than I would like. Privacy suffers a great deal. It is very far from being a bed of roses."

More than 10,000 dogs entered for the annual Crufts Show

Canine aristocrats maintain their dignity even when being dusted with baby powder

By Philip Howard

Every top dog had its day yesterday; or, to be precise, its owners and breeders did. More than ten thousand assorted pedigree dogs, the largest pack ever, entered the eighty-second Crufts Show, which is the last to be held at Olympia, London. Next year, it removes, dog and doggage, to the more spacious concrete and more frequent lamp posts of Earls Court.

The dogs came from 142 different breeds, varying from smooth-coated Chihuahuas to those shaggy dogs masquerading as overcoats called Pyrenean mountain dogs. The Japanese spitz, a small, white prick-eared creature like an undernourished Samoyed, appeared at Crufts for the first time. The Hungarian puli, distinguished by its remarkable corded coat, had a class of its own for the first time.

The breeds with the largest entries were Afghans (285), Alsatians (274), and Labradors (259). Cocker spaniels and whippets have returned to the top 10 most popular breeds on show, together with a new entry to the charts, the old English sheepdog. They displace boxers, pekinese, and rough collies.

As usual the dogs submitted with melancholy dignity to having their toenails cut and being dusted with baby powder in public and having their most private parts handled by complete strangers. Their nomenclature as usual tapped the richest springs of English suburban fantasy, as Little Creeks Schooner Girl raised an infinitely patient eyebrow at the inaptly named Fragrant Cloud of Karazan.

The 59 dogs in the obedience championship almost brought tears to the eyes to see such devotion and rollicking good nature in response to ridiculously repetitive drill-sergeant commands that would have made a drill squad of the Guards Brigade mutiny.

The humans were less dignified. There was strict security, with body searches, because of an outbreak of nobbling and even canicide at dog shows. Commercial stalls sold canine accessories from Woffle Foods to Doggie Hubbard's Books, and potions to cure everything from bad breath to moult.

Charles Cruft, who made his fortune selling "dog cakes", little realized what he was starting when he booked the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, in 1891 for this first show. The Kennel Club registers about 180,000 dogs a year, and issues export pedigrees for about ten thousand. Most go to France, the United States and Italy.

The club has about 500 members, exclusively male, though it has recently bowed to Bitches' Lib by founding a women's section. It says that it is being called in to assist and advise on the growing amount of anti-dog publicity.

Not the least of the virtues of man's best friend is that he does not organize human shows as a sort of vicarious Olympic Games. If he did, to judge from the vast and animated crowds yesterday, there would be scope for a great many classes showing every characteristic and conformation under the dog star.

Prize boxer bitch vanishes at Olympia

A prize boxer bitch had di appeared from her stand a Cruft's Show at Olympia London. Miss Sheila Car wright, from Worplesdor Surrey, her owner, said las night that Tyegarth Bottom Up had almost certainly bee stolen.

She left the dog, which sh values at about £200, with fiv of her other dogs for 1 minutes. When she came bac the lead was unclipped an there was no sign of the dog which is 13 months old and th winner of several championshi prizes.

Police were called in an Scotland Yard said they ha searched Cruft's. They des cribed the dog as red with white markings, 23 inches tall and wearing a green nylon chain and collar.

Workers fear that union rivalry may close shipyard

From Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter
Wallsend-on-Tyne

Mr Geordie Irving, a caulker, yesterday summed up the fatalistic mood which, like the snow, has spread over much of Wallsend-on-Tyne since what looks to the outside world as the town's latest act of industrial self-mutilation.

"I have worked in the yards for 34 years and I have never known anything as bad as this. I think that Swan's could close down if this goes on much longer."

Mr Irving, aged 53, is one of 3,500 members of the boilermakers' union whose refusal to lift pay sanctions caused the loss of Swan Hunter's share of the £115m Polish deal secured by British Shipbuilders.

The notoriety which that act has brought to Tyne boilermakers has been compounded by the news that the 1,152 workers who are being made made redundant in the wake of the lost order will qualify for payments up to a maximum of £10,400 under a scheme announced this week by the Department of Industry.

There are union officials outside the boilermakers' union who believe that the prospect of the redundancy scheme encouraged the decision to end the flexibility agreement which the boilermakers had been working. It was taken after the outfitting tradesmen, the boilermakers' historic rivals, won a £5.40 a week "fair wages" award.

But Mr Irving, for one, sees little consolation in the redundancy scheme. "I would not want it, however much it sounds. Even if you get the top whack it would be spent in two years, and then what do you do for a job round here?"

The suggestion from London that the payments could be used by shipyard workers to start small businesses was greeted with derision. "It is plain ridiculous. What sort of business are you going to start up here", Mr John Wynn, another caulker, said. "Boilermakers are skilled men, but they do not have business acumen."

The depth of the inter-union rivalry which has inflicted this latest blow to an area where unemployment is upwards of 9 per cent is disconcerting to the outsider.

An outfitter will point at his glass of bitter and say: "It is all right the boilermakers going on about differentials, but this still costs me the same as it costs him. There is not one price for a loaf of bread for platers and caulkers and shipwrights, and another for fitters electricians, and joiners."

The boilermaker retorts that as a skilled tradesman working on hulls, his conditions are far worse and adds with contempt: "We go in and get the money, and then they follow behind asking for more. That is not negotiation."

Another caulker admitted: "It is like bairns; one gets 10 bob" and then all the others want it." He added immediately: "It has always been this way. The boilermakers have always been the top men."

British Shipbuilders originally allocated seven ships of the Polish order to Swan Hunter. The conditions imposed on all yards involved were that normal production and existing flexibility agreements must be preserved.

The boilermakers agreed but the outfitters refused to lift an overtime ban in support of a parity claim that had been simmering for two years.

Three of the ships were then reallocated.

The outfitters lifted the ban when they received an award from the Central Arbitration Committee. Their case had been strengthened because in 1975 the boilermakers had won an increase, before pay policy came in, while they were caught by the £6 curb.

The prompt response from the boilermakers was to put in a claim and renounce flexible working. Their refusal to reverse that decision lost the yard the contract for the other four ships.

There are 10 merchant ships in the Swan Hunter yards and five naval vessels, including the biggest, a through-deck cruiser. Those will ensure that the clutter of steel, and the din of the caulkers' drill and chisel, will continue to be heard in Wallsend's Bankside streets for the time being. But the future is uncertain.

The Polish order would have given morale at Swan Hunter a boost, and management says that it would have provided some of the basic shipbuilding work that Swan Hunter needs at a time of worldwide slump to keep the maximum number of boilermakers on the payroll.

Swan Hunter is in the market for another Royal Navy cruiser, but it is not clear whether British shipbuilders could allow it to take it up without ensuring the guarantees that it failed to win over the Polish order.

Swan Hunter appears to have some way to go in persuading the workforce that those guarantees are as urgent as it says. It was suggested by some shipyard workers yesterday that the order was not very significant, and could have been built to time without flexibility. One boilermaker made the surprising suggestion that the Polish vessels were never destined for Swan Hunter because they could not be built side by side with Royal Navy ships.

All that indicates a serious communications gap. Management pins its hopes on an inquiry, with an independent chairman to stabilize industrial relations at the yard. But although the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions have broadly agreed, British Shipbuilders has yet to secure a promise from shop stewards of cooperation.

Union officials, including Mr John Chalmers, the boilermakers' general secretary, whose pleas last month for the sanctions to be lifted went unheeded by his members, agree that the rivalry has been aggravated by the five months gap which exists between the two groups' traditional negotiating dates.

Powell warning on French and German 'resentment'

By Our Political Reporter

Mr Enoch Powell, whose opposition to British membership of the EEC needs no amplification, said last night that the Germans and the French were strongly resentful of Britain.

Resurrecting memories of the Second World War, he stated in a speech: "It is one of the handicaps arising from our insularity and a peculiar side effect of our self-conceit that we are simply incapable of comprehending the depth and durability of the resentment which is held against us by the Germans and the French, by the Germans for the obvious reason that we defeated them; by the French for the less obvious but still more potent reason that we did not share in their defeat."

Mr Powell, MP for Down, South, told a meeting in London that he must not be misunderstood. Nobody was more Francophile than he, "But we understand nothing if we do not understand the axiomatic nature of the laws of attraction and repulsion between an offshore island nation and the political system of the adjacent continent".

He said that everyone knew the celebrated aphorism of Clausewitz, that war was the continuation of politics by other means, and added: "Few observe that the converse must also apply, namely that politics is the continuation of war by other means."

Pinning his argument on the dispute over the devaluation of the "green pound" and the fisheries negotiations, Mr Powell said: "It is a little reminder that for the principal continental nations, notably Germany and France, the European Economic Community is indeed 'the continuation of war by other means'."

Warning by TUC chairman on young unemployed

The present level of unemployment, with the figures for young people soaring could not be tolerated by the trade union movement, Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TUC, said yesterday.

He told the TUC's youth conference in London that some age groups under 24 had suffered rises in unemployment of up to 600 per cent in the past three years. Although the Government had introduced measures to ease the situation, much more needed to be done, he said. The matter concerned not only young people but the whole of society.

"We cannot as a society allow to develop a continuing chronic level of unemployment among the young. It is socially unjust; it is economic nonsense and it is political dynamite", Mr Basnett said.

Mr Geoffrey Holland, a member of the Manpower Services Commission and author of the Holland report on unemployment among the young, said it was not true that all young people faced the prospect of unemployment.

He pointed out that last summer 671,000 left school and colleges and five out of six of them found work without much dificulty.

Rubbish to be cleared

Nearly ten tons of rubbish that has accumulated at Southampton General Hospital during a pay dispute, which is continuing, is to be cleared today.

Ministry inquiry on 'loyalty bonus' payments

Loyalty payments by accountancy firms worried about losing staff to better-paid jobs are being investigated by the Department of Employment.

The ministry said yesterday that its attention had been drawn to the matter, but was unable to say what guidance on such payments would be.

Among the companies paying a "loyalty bonus" is Price Waterhouse, which has become worried about the rate at which staff have been leaving over the past two or three months. It is offering 800 of its 2,250 staff in the United Kingdom a bonus worth 5 per cent of their annual salary if they will agree to stay with the company until the end of June.

The staff would ordinarily be on a month's notice, so by asking for the agreement the company says it is changing the terms of service. "If you do that you have got to remunerate people accordingly", a partner said.

Peat, Marwick, Mitchell is also understood to be offering loyalty payments to staff in its Birmingham office. But another big company, Deloitte's, says it has not made such payments and is not thinking of doing so at the moment. Like Price Waterhouse, however, it admitted it was concerned about losing staff to better-paid jobs in industry and commerce.

Few breaches: Government pay guidelines have been breached in 48 settlements out of 32,000 in the past two-and-a-half years. Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, said yesterday. They were exceptions that proved the rule.

"I do not call it a blacklist. I call them exceptions", he said after opening an extension to the Seaforth grain terminal in Liverpool docks. The overwhelming majority of the 32,000 settlements accorded with the pay policy of the day. But 385 had not and, of those, 337 had been renegotiated, leaving 48.

There had been 5,500 meetings between the Government and employers throughout the country in the period.

Tory attacks: The Conservatives last night kept up their momentum in criticizing the Government over the use of sanctions against firms breaching pay guidelines.

Sir Peter Rawlinson, a former Attorney General, told a meeting in Portsmouth that ministers had started down a slippery slope when government, unable to enact the law it wanted, "is prepared to use extra-legal sanctions and the blackmail of denial of contract to enforce conformity with government policy".

But last night Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, challenged the Opposition Leader on incomes policy. He said at a meeting in London: "How does Margaret Thatcher intend to control inflation.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, an opposition spokesman on industry, said last night that there was much more to be discovered about the Government's blacklist of companies believed to have contravened the pay policy.

"Parliament should not be content until the whole story is revealed of the secret operation of this list which, while it lasted, was a classic demonstration of socialist government by bureaucracy rather than by law", he told a meeting in Hartlepool.

The Liberals, however, backed the Government last night. Mr John Pardoe, the party's spokesman on economic affairs, told a meeting in Torquay that there should be no misunderstanding of the Liberal position. "We are not merely supporting the Government's fight against inflation, we are urging them to fight even harder."

Mrs Williams's view on lost advertising

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, referred in Carlisle last night to a report in *The Times* yesterday about the cancellation of an £18,000 advertising campaign with Times Newspapers by the Cunard Line, part of the Trafalgar House conglomerate.

She said: "Private industry chooses who it makes contracts with. The Trafalgar House group, owners of Express Newspapers as well as Cunard, have just ended advertising contracts with Times Newspapers because they did not like what they said about Cunard. 'This is perfectly straight normal commercial sense', says the Trafalgar House group chairman.

"The Government would not dream of following suit. Indeed, there would not be much government advertising if we withdrew it from newspapers that said unkind things about us."

Police try to find who bought oranges

The police are trying to trace 186 oranges, part of a consignment containing one mercury-contaminated fruit. All but two of 200 Jaffa oranges had been sold when the contaminated orange was discovered.

Mr David Jones, of Chesterfield Road North, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, bought two of the four oranges left in Mrs Zaphy Mavromatis's shop. He found mercury in one.

Earlier a contaminated orange was reported to have been found at Allestree, Derbyshire.

The police warned all shopkeepers who had bought oranges from the Derby wholesalers, George Jackson and Co, a subsidiary of a Birmingham supplier, to withdraw them.

Man disciplined over Palace visit

Mr Anthony Donnelly, an Essex union official, faces disciplinary action by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers for not refusing an invitation to a Buckingham Palace reception for winners of the Queen's Award to Industry on Thursday evening.

He had been ordered not to go by his workmates. He was one of two union officials from Paxman Diesels to be invited. The other official did not go, because of alleged poor conditions at their place of work.

Second heliport site sought

The Greater London Council is studying two possible sites, Surrey Docks and the Greenwich peninsula, for a second London heliport, close to the City.

Both have drawbacks, however, and it is hoped that alternatives will emerge in Docklands as road improvements make it more accessible. The Westland heliport at Battersea handled 8,660 flights last year.

Anti-racist crowd greets Mrs Thatcher

Mrs Thatcher faced an anti-racialist demonstration when she visited Halifax, West Yorkshire, yesterday. About 30 people, some from the Calderdale Action Committee against Racialism, waited for her at Halifax town hall, where she was to call on the Mayor of Calderdale.

One placard said: "One race, the human race". Police kept the crowd back, but Mrs Thatcher spoke to some of the demonstrators before entering the town hall. She later visited John Crossley and Sons, a carpet factory.

Mr Jamal Kidwai, aged 43, from India, who has worked at the factory for about 10 years, was Mrs Thatcher's guide for part of her tour. He is a shop steward and a naturalized British citizen.

Mr Kidwai said he did not want to comment on Mrs Thatcher's recent statements about immigration. "I do not want to get a brick through my window", he said. Although he is a Labour voter, he thought Mrs Thatcher was "very charming".

In a speech at Mytholmroyd, Mrs Thatcher accused the Government of poaching Conservative policies.

She said that during the period Labour had been in power there had been a steady reduction in the standard of living of the average person. Meeting sought: The Confederation of Indian Organizations (UK) has asked Mrs Thatcher for a meeting to discuss "subjects of common interest". It wants to pass on her comments to Asian voters.

In a letter, the confederation requests half an hour of Mrs Thatcher's time. The outcome of the meeting would be passed on at a press conference. "It will enable us to inform the Asian voters in particular in the Ilford North by-election", the letter said.

Minister's challenge: Mr Grant, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Employment, last night challenged Mr William Whitelaw and Mr James Prior to leave the Shadow Cabinet.

He told Labour supporters in Kettering, Northamptonshire: "Margaret Thatcher has snubbed and humiliated the men of moderation on her front bench and none more so than Willie Whitelaw and Jim Prior, who seem to top her personal black list."

Mr Grant continued: "How does Mr Prior square his openly recorded views with hers on pay and prices policy, where she demands a total free-for-all? Or on industrial relations, where she attacks the unions and makes wild and irrational demands for referendums?

"How does Mr Whitelaw reconcile his views with her dangerous nonsense on immigration and race relations?

"Her style of instant policy-making by-passes those of her Shadow Cabinet colleagues who might beg to differ. She rules by fait accompli."

Paper offers a £5,000 reward to trap 'Ripper'

A newspaper last night offered a £5,000 reward to trap the man popularly known as the Yorkshire Ripper, after the Home Office had vetoed a plan to offer £10,000 from police funds.

Mr Ronald Gregory, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, said the newspaper's move "could be the break that we have been looking for". The reward was put up by the *Yorkshire Post* and its sister paper, the *Evening Post*, in Leeds.

Earlier Mr Kenneth Davison, Conservative chairman of West Yorkshire Police Authority, reacted angrily to the news that the Home Office had blocked the £10,000 reward. "It is a matter of utmost public concern that this man should be found", he said. "I thought the £10,000 might have worked where other appeals failed."

The Home Office said it advised against the reward mainly because of its size. "We thought it might be unproductive by attracting too much false information."

Tax allowance change criticized

Community relations might be made worse by the Government stand on child tax allowances for imigrants, the Commission for Racial Equality says in a report published yesterday.

It calls on the Government urgently to reconsider a Treasury decision to end child tax allowances for immigrant workers whose children are still living overseas.

Doctor accused

Dr Janet Eccles, aged 44, of Canonbury Park North, Islington, London, was committed in custody for trial at the Central Criminal Court by Highbury magistrates yesterday accused of murdering Douglas Thompson, aged 60, at her home on December 14.

Climber declines bravery award nomination

Mr Doug Scott, the climber, has declined a nomination for the Golden Wreath of the Victoria Sporting Club. He was one of 12 sportsmen and women on the short list for the award, one of the highest international honours for valour in sport, to be presented at a ceremony at Guildhall, London, on Wednesday.

He withdrew suddenly yesterday when he visited the BBC's Birmingham studios to be interviewed on the Pebble Mill programme about the award, which was understood to be £25,000.

Mr David Seymour, the interviewer, told viewers that Mr Scott had just discovered he would not get a cash award. Because of that, he said, he had refused the award, because it was a convention of mountaineers that they did not take honours for bravery.

Viewers were told that Mr Scott wanted the money to help to fund another British attempt on the Ogre, the Himalayan peak on which he broke both his legs last July.

Mr Chris Bonington, the climber and friend of Mr Scott, said later: "It was my impression that Doug was going to get the award. One of the judges approached me in January and my impression from what he told me that the award was worth £25,000.

"Doug did not want the award in the first place. His feeling was the climbers and mountaineers should not accept awards for bravery and courage. I thought it would be worth accepting it because the money could go straight to the Mounnt Everest Foundation, which gives grants for expeditions.

"Doug was still very wary but I persuaded him to accept it. It was I who had assured him that £25,000 was involved and when he learnt there was no money involved he naturally enough felt betrayed.

Gang is blamed for attack on school bus

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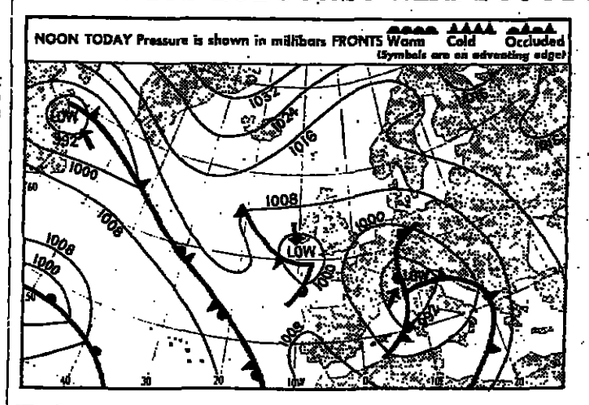
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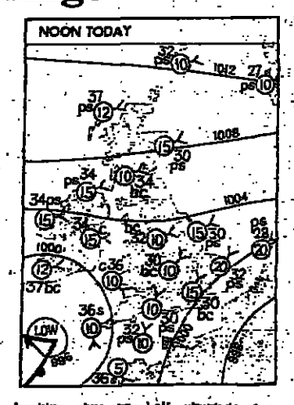
The police believe that a gang of six Provisional terrorists is operating in the south Derry-Antrim area and was responsible for these latest outrages. The search for the terrorists continued yesterday with 300 members of the security forces supported by helicopters and dog handlers. The search was concentrated on an area of 30 square miles.

The Church of Ireland Bishop of Connor, Dr Arthur Butler, condemned the latest outrage.

Leaders of the Peace Movement organization have called for widespread public protest against the terrorists. The movement has appealed for people to gather in public places for prayer meetings and a five-minute vigil at 2 pm today, the time set for the funeral of Mr William Gordon and his daughter Lesley, the victims of the Maghera car bomb.

Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; e—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; p—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; z—showers; pr—periodical rain with snow

Today

Sun rises: 7.23 am Sun sets: 5.8 pm
Moon rises: 8.59 am Moon sets: 10.15 pm
First quarter: February 14.
Lighting up: 5.38 pm to 6.51 am.
High water: London Bridge, 4.7 am, 7.5m (24.5ft); 4.34 pm, 7.5m (24.6ft). Avonmouth, 9.46 am, 13.3m (45.4ft); 10.3 pm, 13.3m (43.5ft). Dover, 1.12 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 1.36 pm, 6.7m (22.0ft). Hull, 8.42 am, 7.3m (24.0ft); 8.47 pm, 7.6m (24.8ft). Liverpool, 1.30 am, 9.4m (30.7ft); 1.47 pm, 9.6m (31.6ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 7.21 am Sun sets: 5.10 pm
Moon rises: 9.25 am Moon sets: 11.23 pm
Lighting up: 5.40 pm to 6.49 am
High water: London Bridge, 4.45 am, 7.4m (24.1ft); 5.13 pm, 7.3m (23.8ft). Avonmouth, 10.24 am, 13.1m (43.1ft); 10.36 pm, 12.5m (41.1ft). Dover, 1.51 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 2.15 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft). Hull, 9.19 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 9.24 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft). Liverpool, 2.11 am, 9.0m (29.6ft); 2.27 pm, 9.2m (30.1ft).

A very cold NE airstream persists over the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, Central S England, E Midlands: Sunny intervals, occasional snow showers; wind NE, moderate; max temp 0°C (32°F).

SE England, East Anglia: Sunny intervals, frequent snow showers, perhaps prolonged later; wind NE, fresh; max temp −1°C (30°F).

W Midlands, SW England, S Wales: Sunny intervals, scattered snow showers; wind light and variable; max temp 2°C (36°F).

Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, frequent snow showers; wind NE, fresh; max temp 0°C (32°F).

E Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Sunny intervals, frequent snow showers, prolonged in places; wind NE, moderate; max temp −1°C (30°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Sunny intervals, scattered snow showers; wind NE, moderate; max temp 2°C (36°F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, occasional snow showers; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 1° or 2°C (34° to 36°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Continuing very cold with snow showers or longer outbreaks of snow, particularly in E and SE.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE, fresh or strong, locally gale; sea rough.

St George's Channel: Wind variable, light to moderate; sea slight.

Irish Sea: Wind mainly E, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 am to 6 pm, 1°C (34°F); min. 6 pm, to 6 am, −3°C (27°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 69 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, a trace. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 6.9hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,008.4 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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Birmingham	r	−1	30	Guernsey	c	−1	30	Manchstr	s	0	32	Vienna	f	−1	30
Bristol	r	−1	30	Helsinki	sn	−12	10	Moscow	c	−4	25	Warsaw	s	−6	21
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Budapest	c	−2	28	Jersey	sn	−1	30								

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Btr 25; Canaries, Pts 60; Denmark, Dkr 3.25; Finland, Fmk 3.50; France, Frs 3.00; Germany, Dms 1.00; Greece, Dr 25; Holland, Dfl 0.90; Hongkong, HK$ 9.00; Italy, Lire 700; Luxembourg, Lf 25; Madeira, Esc 22.50; Malta, 25c; Norway, Kr 3.50; Portugal, Esc 25; Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, Skr 3.00; Switzerland, Sfr 1.00; USA, Canada, 51.60; Yugoslavia, Din 24.

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pended Dr Lawlor and he has been suspended on full pay for the past 21 months.

Dr Lawlor, aged 53, of Wimbledon, London, told the inquiry that he thought the conflict had arisen because the nursing staff had wanted more autonomy. People's respective positions had also not been made clear when he first went to the hospital in 1970, he said.

He agreed that while he was there standards declined and by the time he was suspended patients were "dirty, smelly and poorly clothed". He said that since reorganization of the health service consultants had had no power to ask the domestic supervisor to deal with difficulties. He had to go to the area health authority.

Dr Lawlor also agreed that by the time he was suspended six senior staff members had left. There had been a gradual deterioration in his relationship with sections of the nursing staff. They complained about his attitude and he about their competence.

Mrs Daphne Truman, a former nursing officer at Normansfield and branch officer for the Confederation of Health Service Employees, told the inquiry that Dr Lawlor was "curt, rude and aggressive" and apparently had not heard of the words rehabilitation and socialization.

"It is directly the fault of Dr Lawlor that we have not got many of the things we need and that so many people left. They left because Dr Lawlor was so rude to them and would not let them get on with their jobs.

"He should confine himself to his own field and should not interfere with such things as dental hygiene and physiotherapy, about which he can know hardly anything."

Mr Sherrard said yesterday it would be some months before the inquiry could report.

Outlook for D'Oyly Carte Opera brighter

By Ian Bradley

The future of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, which has performed Gilbert and Sullivan's operas throughout Britain for more than a century, now looks reasonably secure.

The Arts Council hopes soon to make a recommendation that the company should receive a grant and discussions are in progress with possible commercial sponsors.

The company had feared that it might have to disband after completing its present London season, which ends next week, and an American tour in the spring. It has been losing about £2,000 a week and had to cancel a centenary production of *The Sorcerer* planned for last year.

Mr Frederic Lloyd, the company's general manager, said that because of the promised financial assistance it had planned a full touring programme for 1978 and would be back in London at the end of the year.

D'Oyly Carte more than lives up to the image of the wandering minstrel in *The Mikado*. It tours for more than nine months of the year, more than any other British opera company. It has also trained many singers who are now soloists at Covent Garden or the English National Opera, including Valerie Masterson, Ann Hood and Thomas Lawlor. Yet it has never received a grant from the Arts Council.





Jane Metcalfe, as Eliza, and Kenneth Sandford, as the Duke of Islington.

The company does not lose all its singers to higher places, however. John Reed is in his twenty-eighth year of playing the First Lord of the Admiralty in *HMS Pinafore* and the Lord High Executioner in *The Mikado*. Kenneth Sandford joined in 1957 to sing the principal baritone roles.

The past week has been a particularly busy one for the D'Oyly Carte principals and chorus. By tonight they will have given six evening and two matinée performances at Sadler's Wells. They have also spent two days in Decca's studios recording *The Zoo*, a rarely heard opera with music by Sullivan and words by B. C. Stephenson, which was first performed in 1875.

In view of the controversy over the gentrification of a certain London borough, *The Zoo* should have a strong contemporary appeal. It concerns a Duke of Islington who, disguised as a common working man, finds the virtues for which he is seeking in the person of Eliza, a highly principled young woman in charge of the refreshment stall at a zoo.

In the course of pursuing his passion, the duke consumes bags of nuts, fruit, and buns meant for feeding to the animals. He faints from overindulgence and reveals his aristocratic origins when he comes round. All ends happily, however, because of the British public's love of peers.

After finishing its London season a week today, the D'Oyly Carte Company will go to Stratford and Nottingham before beginning a 20-week tour of the United States in April. Next year it hopes to make its first visit to Australia.

Pensioners lose claim on 'underpaid' benefits

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Pensioners yesterday lost their claim that the Government is underpaying them when a reserved judgment in the Court of Appeal went against them. The judgment said that the Government has no obligation to ensure that forecasts of inflation used to raise pensions and other benefits prove to be correct.

Two pensioners, supported by the Child Poverty Action Group, had challenged as unlawful the new method adopted by the Government in 1976 for calculating inflation before raising social security benefits. The traditional method, based on past inflation would have given pensioners and others £1 a week more in November, 1976, than the new one, which is based partly on forecasts of future inflation.

Because the Government is legally obliged to raise pensions in line with the better of prices or wages, a ruling against them would have resulted in a huge recalculation of almost all benefits. They would have had to raise all benefits from November, 1976, and then recalculate the increases paid in November, 1977, as well.

Mr Nicholas Warren, of the Child Poverty Action Group, said that the pensioners and the group were disappointed at the result because it meant the Government had escaped compensating pensioners for the worst months of inflation in 1976. He suspected that the Government would have taken swift steps to legalize their action had the judgment gone the other way.

Man who was given alarm clock now has a job

Anthony Murphy, to whom social security officials gave an alarm clock to wake him in the mornings, has got a job, magistrates at Newbury, Berkshire, were told yesterday. He is working at night.

In two years Mr Murphy, aged 21, of Goswell Row, Newbury, hardly ever worked, the magistrates were told. During that time he drew £2,898 in social security benefits.

In an effort to get him to work, the Department of Health and Social Security took him to court last November and accused him of failing to maintain himself, his wife and two children, aged four and two.

Mr Basil Corcos, for the prosecution, said then that Mr Murphy's main difficulty was getting up in time for work. To help him, the department had decided to buy him an alarm clock. Sentence on Mr Murphy was deferred.

Mr Corcos said yesterday that the scheme had been a success. With the help of the clock Mr Murphy had got up in time to attend a government reestablishment centre every day, and now had a job in the bottle washing plant of a factory.

Mr Richard James, for the defence, said: "Since he has had the alarm clock his timekeeping has been particularly good. He is now settled in employment, earning £39 a week, and is a taxpayer and a useful member of society."

Giving Mr Murphy a conditional discharge for two years, Mr James Freeman, the chairman, said: "The court is very pleased that you have responded to the chance which was given to you."

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There were, broadly, enough places for the mentally handicapped, but if national policies were to be pursued, they were nearly all in the wrong places and in large institutions. About £13m was needed to be spent on buildings.

After discussing the 10-year plan the authority agreed to accept its suggested compromises. It agreed that long-stay groups, in accordance with government policy, should be given the highest degree of priority practicable in preserving a general building programme.

Over the next 10 years the gaps between services would to some extent be closed by allocating £33.8m to capital investment in acute services, £23m to the mentally ill, and £19.2m to the elderly.

The authority predicts that, contrary to general belief, adequate revenue funds will be available by the end of the decade and the region will be able to afford and recruit most of the extra staff it will need.

Entry of metric kipper made from mackerel

By Hugh Clayton

Bans on herring fishing have forced one of the largest frozen food companies in Britain to produce a metric kipper made from mackerel. It is a fifth cheaper than the company's traditional herring kipper, which is sold in ounces.

Ross Foods found after experiment that it could make a mackerel fillet look and taste much the same as a traditional herring. Both fish contain much oil, and although mackerel is thicker it responds well to the kippering process of steeping in brine with colouring and then smoking over oak chips.

Mr Paul Barrett, Ross marketing manager for fish, said in London yesterday: "Herring is short and the only way we can provide a kipper product is by using mackerel."

A 200g (7.05oz) packet of kippered mackerel fillets costs 43½p, while a 6oz packet of herring kipper fillets costs 45p.

Years of intensive fishing have reduced herring stocks and led the EEC and the British Government to impose bans on catches in the North Sea. That contains the main herring grounds near the British coast, and almost 500,000 tonnes were caught there as late as 1972. Official figures show that prices of fresh kippers rose by almost half in British shops last year when prices of most fresh foods rose slowly or fell.

"The great problem with herring now is getting fish of the right quality", Mr Barrett said. "If you do not get herring of the right oil content it will not be good for the kippering process. The kippered mackerel product has been accepted by the trade."

Award urged for boy who died in bid to save brother

From Our Correspondent
Merthyr Tydfil

Mr Ben Hamilton, the East Glamorgan coroner, quoted from the Old Testament at an inquest yesterday at Merthyr Tydfil, before recommending a posthumous award for bravery for a boy aged 11 who died after trying to rescue his brother aged three from a blazing house.

Anthony Arnold ignored pleas by neighbours to jump to safety from the upstairs window of his home at Railway Terrace, Treharris, mid-Glamorgan. Instead, he returned into the bedroom to try to rescue his brother, David, who also died.

Before making the plea for the award Mr Hamilton, a practising Jew, compared the brothers with Saul and Jonathan, his son, from the second book of Samuel, v 23. He quoted:

"Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions."

Mrs Jennifer Arnold, aged 28, said: "Anthony, being the wonderful son he was and because he was so inseparable from David, would have gone to look for him to bring him to safety."

Mr Eric Wilcher, a neighbour, said: "We saw Anthony in the front bedroom window. We were all shouting for him to jump but he said something about his brother and went back inside the room."

David died that day and Anthony died in hospital five days later.

Recording verdicts of accidental deaths, Mr Hamilton said: "Anthony sacrified his life for the love and affection he had for his brother. I wonder whether some posthumous award could be given so that their parents may have something to remind them always of the love they had for one another."

Sheep movements curbed

Curbs on movements of sheep in two English counties were imposed yesterday in an order laid before Parliament by Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. No sheep will be allowed to move out of Kent or East Sussex from midnight on February 19 without a local authority licence.

Seven cases of sheep scab have been confirmed in the two counties since August, 1977. The disease is caused by mites which bite the skin. It damages fleeces badly and is highly contagious. It can be transmitted by sheep rubbing against fence posts and often spreads faster than its source can be pinpointed. Restrictions on movement already apply in Cornwall and Devon. Four outbreaks were confirmed yesterday in Cornwall. Licences are issued only for sheep that have been dipped against scab in the preceding 56 days or that are going straight to slaughter.

Corruption trial postponed

A corruption trial involving Thomas Moore, Dundee's former Lord Provost, a former councillor and two businessmen was postponed at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday until the autumn.

The court agreed to the postponement after defence counsel petitioned for more time to prepare their case.

£900,000 of cocaine is seized

Cocaine valued at about £900,000 and intended for the black market in Britain has been discovered by customs investigators in the past week, it was disclosed yesterday. A consignment valued at £100,000 was found at Gatwick airport, Surrey.

Earlier, three kilograms, valued at £400,000, was seized at Edinburgh airport, and after a tip-off by British customs three more kilograms intended for Britain were seized by the police in an hotel in Madrid. At Gatwick one kilogram of cocaine was found in plastic bags wrapped round the legs of a passenger wearing cowboy boots.

The passenger arrived at Gatwick on a flight from Lima, Peru, via Bógota.

Three New Zealanders were being questioned yesterday about the latest find.

'Threats' to men over schoolgirls

From Our Correspondent
Sheffield

Magistrates at Rotherham, South Yorkshire, were told yesterday that six men accused of offences against 14 schoolgirls had been threatened by people in the villages where they live.

Mr Michael Rose, for the prosecution, said: "I would ask you to make it clear to the public that lynch law does not obtain in South Yorkshire. These persons who take matters into their own hands are likely to find themselves in trouble with the police."

Mr Matthew Norcliffe, presiding, said: "The bench want to make it clear that any threats or any intimidation regarding these defendants will be dealt with in due course."

The six men, who were all committed on bail for trial at Sheffield Crown Court, together face 42 charges of unlawful sexual intercourse and indecency with the girls, aged between 12 and 15. The offences are alleged to have taken place between January 1, 1975, and January 19 last.

Neil Fox, aged 29, of Flanderwell Lane, Sunnyside, near Rotherham, faces two charges of unlawful sexual intercourse and four of indecent assault; Frederick Turner, aged 57, of East Square, Sunnyside, faces nine charges of indecent assault.

James Victor Howe, aged 67, of Manor Farm, Dalton Magna, near Rotherham, faces six charges of indecent assault and one of inciting gross indecency with a girl of 13; James Abbiss, aged 55, of Blackthorne Avenue, Bramley, near Rotherham, faces four charges of indecent assault and two of unlawful sexual intercourse; Ronald Mounsey, aged 54, of Central Avenue, Sunnyside, is charged with four offences of unlawful sexual intercourse and two of indecent assault; and Rufus Howe, aged 68, of Manor Farm, Dalton Magna, faces seven charges of unlawful sexual intercourse and one of indecent assault.

Prices for antique silver move up again

By Geraldine Norman

An indication that prices for antique silver are moving up again came from a sale at Phillips yesterday. An elaborate pair of three-light candelabra made in 1807 by Benjamin Smith the first, presumably for the Prince Regent as the stems are applied with his arms, made £9,500 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000). The decoration includes classical fluting and mantling, shoulder busts of Egyptian women, oak leaves and fan motifs.

A remarkable late Victorian canteen of cutlery weighing 498oz made £7,000 (estimate £5,000) to Vander. The handles are Coburg pattern and all but 14 of 324 pieces date from one year, 1884. Apart from the standard knives, forks and spoons, the service has almost every conceivable extra, such as pickle forks, asparagus servers and melon knives. They are contained in a walnut cabinet with glass-fronted doors.

Foreign silver was particularly in demand, with a fine seventeenth-century parcel-gilt canister of hexagonal form, each side engraved with a classical head by Christoff Bantzer of Augsburg, at £6,000 (estimate £4,000). At the lower end of the price scale a small collection of Omar-Ramsden silver brought some remarkable prices; a Ramsden and Carr three-piece condiment set of 1924 (11½oz), one of their commonest designs, went for £360 (estimate £180) and a tart server or scoop with a pine cone handle (3½oz), a modest though unusual piece, fetched £160 (estimate £70).

There were also high prices for old Sheffield plate of the 1760 to 1850 vintage. A pair of attractive tapersticks of around 1770 made £240 (estimate £80 to £125) and a pair of sauce tureens brought £400 (estimate £200). The sale totalled £121,200, with 8 per cent unsold.

Christie's offered fine Continental pictures of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with a sale total of £244,570 and 7 per cent unsold. The sale was well attended by Continental dealers, who on occasion were prepared to pay well over the auctioneer's expectations for paintings by their own nationals.

Pollitzer from Germany paid £19,000 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) for "The return of the herd", by Heinrich. Bürkel was one of the most distinguished painters of the life and landscape of the countryside around Munich in the early years of the nineteenth century.

The same dealer paid £6,500 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) for "Peasants unloading wagons in a courtyard", a late nineteenth century work by Karl Stuhlmuller. "La sainte Vierge", an early work (1839) by Theodore Chasseriau, made £6,200 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000).

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Wife wins appeal over deferred eviction hearing

Conflicting court decisions under the new domestic violence law, now awaiting resolution by the House of Lords, do not affect judges' powers to turn unreasonably behaved husbands out of their homes, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

It allowed an appeal by Mrs Annette Enright against the adjournment by a county court judge of her plea that her husband should be ordered to leave their council house.

Judge Lewis at Brentford County Court on January 20 adjourned the case to await the Law Lords' ruling on the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act, 1976. The Law Lords reserved judgment on a test case under the Act on January 17, and have not yet announced when they will give their decision.

Allowing Mrs Enright's appeal against the delay, the Court of Appeal said that another judge at Brentford County Court should hear her application.

Lord Justice Stamp said: "The judge was clearly wrong in taking the view that the Act had in some way cut down the powers of judges in such cases as this".

Lord Justice Orr said that the pending House of Lords decision did not cut down the jurisdiction to make eviction orders as between husband and wife.

Lord Justice Eveleigh agreed that Mrs Enright's appeal should be allowed.

Budget speech to go out live on radio

By Kenneth Gosling

Within a few days of the opening of the broadcasting of Parliament listeners to the BBC and commercial radio will for the first time be able to hear a live relay of the Chancellor's Budget speech on April 11.

The entire speech and the Opposition's reply will be broadcast. Parliament may resume after the Easter recess about a week before the Budget, giving the broadcasters time to settle in and overcome difficulties. Most of the equipment for parliamentary broadcasts has been installed and tests are taking place on the reception of the signal from the Palace of Westminster.

Two studios at 1 Bridge Street, close to the Commons, have been prepared and await the arrival of furniture.

The live broadcast poses a difficulty for the television authorities. "The speech will be available, but exactly how you use it is a matter to sort out", the BBC said. Independent Television News made a similar comment.

Businessman on charges of embezzlement

Robert Sutherland, aged 36, a businessman, was charged with embezzling more than £65,000 from clients when he appeared at Linlithgow Sheriff Court, Lothian, yesterday. He is to stand trial at the High Court in Edinburgh on February 22.

Mr Sutherland, whose address was given as care of the Sheriff Clerk Office, Linlithgow, on one charge denies embezzling £51,674 while acting as agent for the Bradford and Bingley Building Society at his offices in South Bridge Street, Bathgate, and at an office in Stafford Street, Edinburgh.

£2m debts by film and TV producer

Mr Josef Shaftel, aged 58, a film and television producer, will get his discharge from bankruptcy if there is "money on the table" in a month's time, a London Bankruptcy Court official said yesterday.

Mr Shaftel, of Eaton Place, Belgravia, London, said to have debts of more than £2m and a deficiency in excess of £1,800,000, offered the court £29,000 from future earnings. The first instalment of £5,000 is due on March 10. The hearing was adjourned until March 17.

Irish phones disrupted

Telephone and telex links with the Irish Republic were again disrupted yesterday by a continuing strike involving post office technicians in Dublin. The stoppage, caused by a reorganization dispute, has held up repairs to faulty services and led to overloading.

Judge awards £25 to a good neighbour

Judge Argyle, QC, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday ordered that Mr Timothy Kellagher, a machine minder, should be given a £25 reward for being a good neighbour to a sick woman.

Mr Kellagher had called a doctor and ambulance when he found Mrs Shirley Yvonne Macdonald, aged 28, behaving strangely. She believed she was under the spell of black magic and that her ginger cat had turned into a tiger.

Mrs Macdonald, of West Ella Road, Harlesden, London, admitted unlawfully administering paraquat, a deadly weed killer, to her son, Nicholas, aged seven, with intent to injure or annoy him.

Judge Argyle said that normally the offence carried a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment but he regarded the case more as a medical than a criminal one.

After being told that Mrs Macdonald had cracked under the strain of hard work and that as a result of prompt medical treatment she had now fully recovered he postponed sentence for six months. "If all goes well between now and next July I shall probably place you on probation for two years", he told Mrs Macdonald.

On July 2, counsel said, Mr Kellagher found Mrs Macdonald holding the cat by its throat with a six-inch kitchen knife pointing at it. He took the animal from her and informed the police and called an ambulance.

Archaeology report

Dartmoor: Reaves defined ancient farms

Dartmoor has long been celebrated for the profusion of stone rows and hut circles that embellish its landscape; there are many Bronze Age settlements, such as the well-known Grimspound, described in Conan Doyle's *Hound of the Baskervilles*.

Recently prehistorians have come to realize that the moor also contains land boundaries, long stone walls known as reaves, which extend sometimes for several miles and belong to the same period. For the past three years they have been studied by the Dartmoor reave project, of the Department of prehistory and Archaeology at Sheffield University and financed by several groups including the Leverhulme Trust, the British Academy and the Society of Antiquaries of London.

It is now possible to discern the pattern of prehistoric "territories" on the southern part of the moor; it seems that the main rivers were the focus of these territories, which all had access to the central, peat-covered part of the moor, then as now, probably used as common grazing land.

Each valley contains many roughly circular enclosures, usually containing several huts, which were probably used for livestock farming of some sort. An important component of a territory was the land used for arable farming, usually picked out by elaborate systems of "parallel reaves". The most impressive of those, near Dartmeet, is being investigated; long walls stretch to north and south of the gorge of the river Dart, extending over an area as long as the distance from Paddington station to Liverpool Street.

In contrast to the situation in the valleys, the huts in the field systems are usually isolated and scattered across the arable land at distances of 200 to 300 yards apart. Excavations in the Dartmeet field system have disclosed that there were two main periods in the layout of the fields.

The earliest phase had small fields enclosed by banks and ditches; a large stone-built hut was accompanied by a smaller wooden building, circular in form and 4 metres across; it is the first evidence for the use of timber buildings in the Dartmoor Bronze Age and implies that population estimates cannot be based simply on a crude count of the hut-circles on the moor.

Both buildings faced east. Immediately to the west and south were the ditches of the field system; a gateway existed in the bank to the west of a passage between the huts. It is that phase that seems to have been accompanied by cultivation of the fields, judging by the soil that has accumulated at their lower edges.

Then came phase two, in which the early banks were in part topped by the stone reaves, built sometimes in highly accomplished technique, with well-built faces neatly infilled with smaller stones. In other places the technique was much cruder; large boulders were dragged to the field edge to make a simple wall. The reave builders ignored some of the early system, however, blocking a gateway and levelling some of the earlier banks, and creating much bigger fields, sometimes covering more than a hectare. Those fields were probably not cultivated as frequently as their predecessors.

At this stage stones were thrown into the wreck of the former hut, and a much smaller hut was built in the ruins. Querns from the earlier hut were incorporated, and it may be that the small hut was that of a single herdsman or woman, and that stock-rearing had now become more important in the economy as the soil suffered from increasing exhaustion.

However, there was at least one cultivation episode. On the surface of the mineral soil, just below the surface peat, the excavators found the thin dark lines betokening the use of the ard, the simple prehistoric scratch-plough. The marks went one way, along the short side of a field 35 metres by 85 metres, and it is probable that the ard was pulled by a human being, since no one using oxen would have wanted to turn his beasts every minute or so after having ploughed only 30 metres.

After the prehistoric occupation, which probably lasted at least two centuries and perhaps much longer, a thin cover of blanket peat sealed the fields. In the Bronze Age, about 1500 BC, the Dartmoor climate may have been appreciably better, allowing the farmers to exist comfortably at 1,200ft above sea level for some time, before a climate led to peat formation and perhaps large-scale, if gradual, abandonment of the moors.

It is clear from work so far that all the land up to about 1,300 or 1,400ft was criss-crossed by prehistoric land boundaries, and that the countryside was probably as densely settled and as open as during the medieval period. The farmers may not even have regarded the land as marginal, if we may judge from their liking for extensive field layouts. There are many similar field systems in other parts of southern England, but they are usually heavily damaged by later agriculture and the contemporary settlement sites are hard to locate.

On Dartmoor it is possible to "dissect" an ancient field system with maximum economy, looking for episodes in the agricultural use of the fields and in the division of property; that policy is already beginning to throw much light on the relationship between prehistoric man and his land.

By Andrew Fleming, Sheffield University.

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Mr Scott was speaking in a discussion on the future of the fourth channel of the Annan report and pending the delayed issue of the White Paper on television and broadcasting.

He said that by the early 1980s, at about the time when it was envisaged that a fourth channel would be in service either operated by an "open broadcasting authority" or as "ITV 2", the equipment for the old 405-line black and white services would be due for dismantling.

Mr Scott suggested that independent television might take over that channel with new and improved equipment and operate truly regional and local services.

Earlier Mr Anthony Pragnell, deputy director general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, said that part of independent television's claim for the use of the fourth channel was the importance attached to programmes supplied by independent producers.

"By independent producers I mean not simply those men and women whose work already finds its way to the screen, but a much wider range of individuals and organizations both established and little known."

In the contentious field of Welsh language broadcasting and television, Mr Pragnell said, an "ITV 2" fourth channel would provide the extra elbow room needed to improve provision for the Welsh language, and satisfy those who wanted alternatives to it.

WEST EUROPE

Middle East trade in heroin is growing

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Up to a quarter of all the heroin recovered in Europe in police seizures is thought to be originating in the Middle East. Police forces are worried that the region could take over from the "Golden Triangle" as the main supplier to the illicit market.

A few weeks ago in Paris the commanders of European drug squads were told by Interpol officials that big heroin seizures in 1977 produced 510 kilograms and this represented a drop of 20 per cent on the previous year. But they gave a warning against any complacency, saying new dangers were rising in countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran.

Interpol officials believe that operations against the "Golden Triangle" have reduced the amount of heroin reaching Europe but the Middle East could step into any vacuum in the black market.

They believe there is already evidence that Turkey is being used as a conduit and a number of laboratories for converting opium to heroin have been discovered in Iran.

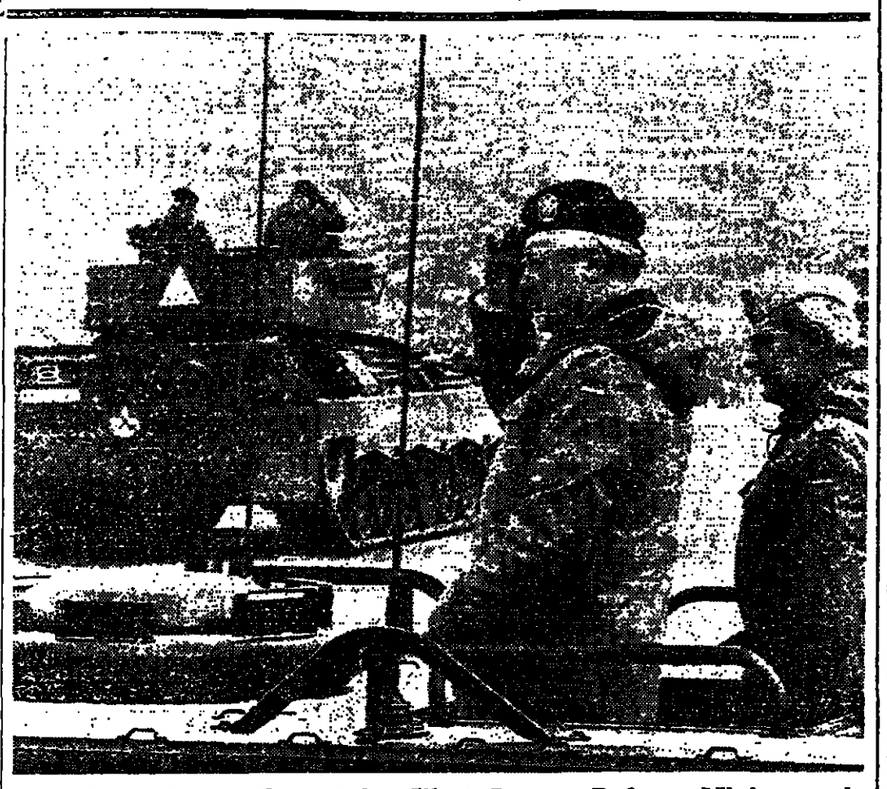
The movement of heroin into Europe is far easier than from the Far East because drug supplies can be moved overland using migrant workers travelling to countries like West Germany and Italy.

The specific areas of opium poppy cultivation have not been identified, but the suspicion is that the tribal areas in the more remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan are the most likely culprits. There is already intelligence to suggest that cultivation has increased this year in parts of Afghanistan and it is thought more is being grown there than anywhere else.

As *The Times* reported last year, there are fears that some of the heroin has already reached Britain and for some time Interpol has urged European police forces to be on the alert.

If the total amount of heroin is down, seizures of cannabis have continued to rise. The Interpol figures for 1977 show that is has increased by 100 per cent in comparison with 1976 to reach 70 tonnes. There seems to be every indication that the end of hostilities in Lebanon has helped to swell the haul since nearly all of the 13 largest seizures came from that country.

Cocaine seizures have also risen, but less dramatically than cannabis, to produce a total of nearly 55 kilograms



Herr Georg Leber, the outgoing West German Defence Minister, taking the salute at a farewell parade of tanks in Wetzlar yesterday. Herr Leber resigned over a spy scandal.

Two bank robbers die in fight

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Feb 10

One bank robber was shot and killed and another fatally wounded when police moved in quickly to stop a raid on a bank in Boulogne-sur-Seine, near Paris today. In their attempt to escape the robbers seriously injured one policeman whom they hit with their car. They took then two women and a child hostage in a flat and tried to negotiate their way to freedom.

A bank employee had managed to call the police while the three masked robbers were still in the bank. Just as they were running out into a waiting car the police arrived and shots were fired. One of the robbers got out to try to stop a car goong in the opposite direction and was shot and killed. The other two tried to burst through the police cordon in their car, seriously injuring the policeman.

They abandoned the car and ran into a block of flats, where they burst into a fourth-floor apartment and took the hostages.

Kreisky-Brezhnev talk was in private

From Sue Masterman
Vienna, Feb 10

An 80-minute private talk with President Brezhnev marked the climax of Dr Bruno Kreisky's official visit to Moscow this week. Both Mr Brezhnev and Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, accepted invitations from the Austrian Chancellor to visit Austria at a future date.

Reporters who accompanied Dr Kreisky to the Brezhnev meeting reported that the Soviet President looked relaxed and remarkably well, considering reports on his health.

Dr Kriesky went to Moscow to discuss ways in which the growing trade deficit between Austria and the Soviet Union could be balanced. Among the projects discussed was Austria's possible participation in the building of a second Trans-Siberian railway.

On his return to Austria the Chancellor said that at his meeting with President Sadat in Salzburg tomorrow, he would be able to pass on Moscow's opinion of the Egyptian leaders's peace mission. What that opinion was he would not say, but he added: "I will not be telling him much news".

Salzburg, Feb 10.—President Sadat will have a private meeting with Mr Shimon Peres, Israeli opposition leader, in Salzburg tomorrow, Dr Kreisky said today.

Mr Peres, leader of Israel's Labour Party, will be stopping in Salzburg on his way from West Germany to Vienna to attend a Socialist Internationalist conference on the Middle East on Sunday.

Dr Kreisky announced the surprise meeting in an interview taped for Austrian television. Extracts froj the interview were released by the Austrian Socialist Party.

Dr Kreisky said he had used the occasion of Mr Sadat's planned stopover in Salzburg to suggest the meeting, so that the Egyptian leader would be able to get the first-hand views of the Labour Party.

In Hamburg, Mr Peres told reporters that Israel and Egypt were now at the stage of overcoming the deep crisis

He said: "If the problem was just between Israel and Egypt, we would have solved it a long. time ago, but other Arab states are involved. It is hard for Israel to have a divided peace."—Reuter.

From 'good sense' to 'women's cause' fringe groups blur the political spectrum

Ecologists try to raise their voice

From Ian Murray
Paris, Feb 10

The French Elections

According to *Quid*, the French equivalent of *Whittaker's Almanack*, there are 43 political parties plus another 38 politically active groups in the country. They range from homosexuals to royalists and from ecologists to women's liberation.

There are fascist parties and a particularly rich and varied range of left, extreme left and ultra-left groups. Many, if not all of them, will be putting up candidates in the election with little hope of winning the 12.5 per cent share of the votes in the first round on March 12 to contest the second round on March 19.

By no means all of them are doomed to be unrepresented in the National Assembly by reason of lack of support, however. On the left the Mouvement des Radicaux de Gauche (MRG) has joined the Union of the Left with the Socialists and Communists; as a reward the Socialists are standing aside to allow a few of their candidates to stand a good chance of winning a safe seat.

They had 13 members in the National Assembly at the dissolution. They have a left-wing intellectual appeal which the Socialists hope will recruit part of the middle class vote to their cause.

Further to the left, and not part of the union, is the Parti Socialiste Unifié (PSU) which had one member in the last Assembly. The Communists have withdrawn two of their candidates in favour of the PSU. They have done the same for two left-wing Gaullists (Union des Gaullistes de Progrès), a new grouping formed last year by Gaullists who feel that their party has moved too far to the right.

On the extreme left revolutionary fringe can be found such parties as the Ligue Communiste Révolutionnaire and the Lutte Ouvrière. It is unlikely that the combined vote for their 250 candidates will top 1 per cent of the vote in the first round.

On the centre and right of the political spectrum there are again a number of parties which can expect to be represented despite their low national support: These are notably the members of the newly formed Union pour la Démocratie Française (UDF), made up of non-Gaullist parties within the government coalition.

They include the Centre des Démocrates Sociaux (CUS), which had 25 members in the last Assembly, the Centre National des Indépendants et Paysans (CNIP), which was unrepresented in the Assembly although it has 16 members in the Senate, and the Parti Radical-Socialiste (PRS), which had four deputies on dissolution.

As a union these parties together with the Republican Party are putting up a list of, so far, 405 joint candidates who will in most cases find themselves facing Gaullist as well as left-wing opponents in the first round.

On the near far right is the newly formed Union des Français de Bon Sens (UFBS) (Good Sense Party), which is putting up more than 300 candidates and hopes to pick up 5 per cent of the vote. Further out again are the Front National and the Parti des Forces Nouvelles which are working on an electoral agreement.

The monarchists (Restauration Nationale and Nouvelle Action Française) will put up a few candidates, so will the Corsican and probably the Breton nationalists, all with little chance of making any impression.

Then there are the parties that support various causes. Women's rights are to be an issue in 50 constituencies where candidates of the brand new Choisir la Cause des Femmes party are standing. The homosexuals are also putting up candidates.

But the most important among the minority groups are the Ecologists. According to the polls they can expect to win 4 per cent of the vote on the first round and there may be one or two seats where they will manage to get the magic 12.5 per cent in the first round which would allow them to stand in the second round.

They tend to be left-wing orientated and although they are somewhat divided among themselves, they have become increasingly militant since their success in last year's municipal elections and are determined to make their voice heard. They are quite likely to upset the apple cart by advising their supporters to vote in a disruptive way after the first round.

The election, if the opinion polls are anything to go by, will be very close. This is the real importance of these minor parties—and any who have been forgotten in this largely arbitrary list are no less important than most of the others. Between them these little parties could hold a balance of power, if, as is likely, they attract between them at least 5 per cent of the vote in the first round.

The final result of the election could well depend on whether the majority of that 5 per cent would obey their chosen party's instructions to vote left or right in the second round.

'Immortals' elect a woman poet

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Feb 10

Carmen Conde, the 70-year-old poet has become the first woman member of the Royal Academy of the Spanish Language since 1784.

She is only the second in the 264-year history of the institution. The first was the writer Isidra Guzman, a favourite of King Carlos III, who ordered her to be given a chair in the academy in 1784.

When reporters broke the news to Senora Conde last night, she paraphrazed another Spanish writer saying: "The time has passed when a woman could be only a cigarette vendor, a queen or a whore." She was "content and scared".

Rosa Chacel, the writer who was runner-up in the election to the academy said the reason it took so long for a woman to join the "immortals" was that "up to now neither the women nor the academicians were civilized enough".

Senora Conde was chosen from a list of three women candidates here last night. She won Spain's national literature prize in 1957. In addition to her poetry she has written novels and short stories under the pseudonym Florentina del Mar.

Senor Torcuato Luca de Tena, an academy member, called on Senora Conde immediately after she was chosen. "The academy did not want to perpetuate its anti-feminist reputation", he told her.

Businessman is kidnapped

Bogotà, Feb 10.—Kidnappers seized a wealthy Colombian businessman today and wounded his wife, who was left behind.

The man, owner of a used car firm, and his wife were in their car when the gunmen in another car intercepted them near their house.—AP.

M Giscard holds out olive branch to Algeria

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Feb 10

President Giscard d'Estaing made use of a television interview last night to suggest ways of patching up the deteriorating relations between France and Algeria.

When a question on the subject came up, the President was ready with a brief on the 1962 Evian agreement which led to Algerian independence and with his proposals to put things on a new footing.

He said it was time to go beyond the Evian agreement, which no longer corresponded to the relationship between the two countries. He proposed the creation of commissions to resolve the question of compensation for French property taken over in Algeria and to work out ways of protecting the 800,000 Algerians living in France from "bad treatment, injustices and aggressions".

The President, who has been increasingly upset by attacks on France in the Algerian press, which he believes are often inspired by the authorities, suggested that these would have to stop if there was to be a normalization of relations. In short, the Algerians had to want things to improve as much as the French did.

Discussing foreign affairs in general, the President recalled the Government's initiative last month in proposing a new worldwide system of disarmament controls. He said he would be going to the United Nations in May to put the proposals to the General Assembly.

Until such time as these initiatives bore fruit, France would continue to maintain its independent nuclear deterrent and would remain firmly opposed to West Germany being given permission to build up one of its own.

He said that relations with the Soviet Union were "confident". Relations with the United States were good, even if he had felt that President Carter had impeded détente by putting too great an emphasis on human rights.

Generally the President gave the impression that French foreign policy was doing well, though he hinted that if the left were to win the coming elections things would not necessarily continue to go smoothly.

The latest Ifop opinion poll in *France-Soir* suggests that 1 per cent more of the public now likes M Barre and his policies, bringing the percentage of satisfied citizens up to 45 per cent. Two per cent more dislike him, making a total of 48 per cent.

The President, according to the poll, is more popular than ever with 56 per cent support.

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Russia assures Washington that advancing Ethiopian forces will not cross Somalian frontier

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Feb 10

Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, said this morning that he had received assurances from the Soviet Union that Ethiopian forces would not cross the frontier into Somalia if their present counter-offensive gets that far.

Mr Vance said the United States would not modify its policy of refusing to supply arms to either side, but that the policy might have to be reconsidered if Ethiopia invaded Somalia.

There should be negotiations between Ethiopia and Somalia and a ceasefire, he continued. Somalia should withdraw from the territory it has occupied in the Ogaden and Soviet and Cuban forces should be withdrawn from Ethiopia.

"We believe it is fundamental", he said, "that there be a recognition and a respect by all parties of internationally recognized borders".

He went on to say: "We will continue our present course of action with respect to not supplying arms to either side but if there were a crossing of borders, it would present a different situation and we would have to consider it then."

The Secretary said that his best estimate of Soviet and Cuban involvement was that there were between 800 and 1,000 Soviet military advisers in Ethiopia and about 3,000 Cubans, of whom 2,000 were involved in combat. They had been flying aircraft for the Ethiopians and were now engaged in ground fighting.

Mr Vance also said Cuban reinforcements were being sent to Ethiopia, both from Cuba itself and from Angola.

Mr Vance was giving his regular monthly press conference and was asked many questions about the Middle East. He limited his replies to summarizing the statement issued on President Sadat's departure on Wednesday, but took the opportunity to emphasize again the importance of solving the settlements question.

The problems involved are first the Israeli settlements and the related questions of the West Bank and Gaza and secondly the Palestinian question generally. He said he would meet Mr Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Foreign Minister, here on February 16.

The settlements in Sinai, he said, were contrary to international law and should never have been set up. On the second problem, he repeated the American position that there should be a transitional period.

"We believe that there should be a homeland for the Palestinians that should be linked with Jordan. We have suggested to the parties for their consideration the possibility of an interim arrangement covering a period of years

As for Israel's security, and the role security considerations play in Israel's desire to keep the Sinai settlements, Mr Vance said that he believed security matters could be taken care of within the framework of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 and within the framework of a withdrawal from occupied territories.

Leukaemia kills A-test ex-soldier

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Feb 10

A former sergeant in the United States Army, who was marched into the "ground zero" area of a nuclear test site in Nevada in 1957, shortly after a nuclear test, died on Wednesday of leukaemia. He was 43.

He was one of the people involved in nuclear tests who had subsequently contracted leukaemia or other cancers, and who blamed the test. On the day he died, the Pentagon issued a toll-free telephone number which may be used by anyone who was involved in the tests, so that they may be identified and examined.

The former soldier, Mr Paul Cooper, said that he and other soldiers were marched to within 200 yards of the point of the blast within minutes of it. The Veterans' Administration had been paying him an *ex gratia* pension of $820 (£410) a month and he died in a veterans' hospital.

The Administration has not admitted the connexion between Mr Cooper's leukaemia and the test, however, and the matter is now being hotly debated. If the connexion is admitted, nobody can tell how many cases might turn up.

Hundreds of thousands of people were involved, one way or another, in the hundreds of nuclear tests that took place between 1945 and 1963. The Pentagon wants to start a long-term survey of as many of those people as possible, to establish a statistical basis of judgment.

Israel pleased with US report on human rights

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Feb 10

The Israeli Government expressed satisfaction today with what it called a mostly favourable assessment on human rights in Israel made by the United States Government.

The assessment, issued in Washington yesterday, was slightly more critical of Israeli conduct in the occupied territories. However, an Israeli Government spokesman said that Israel had passed "with flying colours" compared to most other countries covered in the report.

He said that while his Government had a number of reservations and corrections to make, the report was viewed on the whole as being a balanced one in which Israel emerged in a good light.

The report praises Israel as a fully fledged parliamentary democracy in which freedom and rights are generally respected and discrimination and violation of the rights is rare.

Dealing with the occupied territories, the report refers to the allegations of torture published by *The Sunday Times* last July.

It says that while where were documented reports of physical and psychological pressure during interrogations and instances of brutality by individuals could not be ruled out, there was no evidence to support allegations that Israel followed a consistent practice or policy of using torture during interrogations.

In a statement rebutting several specific allegations in the report, the Israeli Government has denied that it violated the fourth Geneva Convention by introducing civilian settlers to the occupied territories. The Convention was not applicable, it claimed; and in any case it did not forbid settlement that did not involve displacement of the indigenous population.

Israel also maintained that it was not guilty of violating the Convention by expelling or deporting people from the West Bank because those who were expelled were sent to Jordan where they were citizens—not foreign countries.

The Government statement also rejected an allegation that it was depriving West Bank Arabs of water, and gave figures to show that water supplies were five times greater now than in 1967.

Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, who returned from a two-day visit to Geneva today, said on his arrival home that he believed there was a basis to hope that the negotiating process between Egypt and Israel would continue. The Israeli leader is due to be briefed tomorrow evening by Mr Samuel Lewis, the United States Ambassador, on President Carter's talks in Washington with President Sadat.

There are fears in Israel that the Carter Administration may now display even greater sympathy to the Egyptian position after Mr Sadat's visit.

Mr Sadat unable to take home trophy of US support in shape of latest jets

From David Watts
Cairo, Feb 10

By not making an immediate, firm commitment to supply Egypt with the jet fighters and other arms that President Sadat has been requesting the United States has robbed the Egyptian leader of the most telling and dramatic gesture of support that he had hoped for from his visit to Washington.

He wanted a pledge from President Carter to supply more than the present non-lethal equipment that Cairo receives from the United States as a sign of good faith and backing for Egypt in the peace negotiations, and also to improve the morale of the military at home, particularly in the Air Force, who so far have backed the negotiations. Army morale is still thought to be good.

Egypt needs to reequip its depleted, ill-maintained Air Force, not only because of fears over communist intervention in the Horn of Africa, but also because Egyptians feel that greater military power would earn them more respect from the Israelis.

To have an Air Force which could at least be considered in the same league as Israel's superbly equipped air arm would encourage concessions in the negotiations from the Israeli side, Mr Sadat believes.

To this end he has sought the F.15, the world's most advanced fighter aircraft, which Israel already operates.

A semblance of balance would ensure peace, Egyptians believe. American military analysis, however, see the situation rather differently, considering that a heavily armed Jewish state discourages any military adventures.

The conflict in the Horn of Africa has had a powerful effect on the minds of the Egyptian leadership. If the Ethiopians were to spill over their borders into Somalia they could sweep across to the Red Sea and control that vital waterway. Any expansion to the west could threaren the headwaters of the Nile, naturally a nightmare for Cairo.

Already Egypt has been supplying military help to the Mogadishu regime. So far the assistance has been on a relatively small scale, though Western diplomats believe that could change once Mr Sadat returns from his journey to the United States and Europe.

The Americans have been urging Mr Sadat not to do anything that will contribute to the conflict in the Horn. As one foreign military analyst put it: "We prefer to sit out the next 10 days or two weeks and see which way things go. If the Ethiopians do go over ioto Somalia then we have got trouble."

But most observers believe that the United States and the Soviet Union have already reached agreement to limit the fighting.

There is speculation in Cairo, however, that Mr Sadat might be tempted, despite the shortcomings of his own Air Force, to loan the Somalis what they so desperately need—aircraft.

Somali strength in the air has been severely depleted, both in men and machines, and in recent days they have been suffering under Ethiopian air attacks on the important Red Sea port of Berbera and the northern regional capital of Hargeisa.

Both Egypt and Somalia were equipped by the Russians with the MiG17 and the MiG21. Egypt now has about 260 Mig21s and 90 MiG17s and Somalia had 12 MiG21s and 40 MiG17s before the present Ogaden conflict began, according to the International Institute for Stratetic Studies.

Syrian mission expected in Lebanon after new clash

Beirut, Feb 10.—Syrian peace-keeping troops and Lebanese right-wing forces were involved in fresh fighting today. Mr Pierre Gemayel, a right-wing leader, pleaded for efforts to save Lebanon from "catastrophe".

Tank guns, mortars, rockets and heavy machine guns were used along an ill-defined front line between rightist positions in the Christian area in east Beirut and western areas controlled by the Syrians. The Syrians make up most of the 30,000-man Arab League peace force that ended the 1975-76 civil war in most parts of Lebanon.

Today's engagement followed a morning lull after three days of bloodshed in which more than 150 people were killed and many more were wounded. The front line exploded shortly after noon, a shell crashed into Ashrafiyah in the heart of east Beirut.

The fighting subsided after nightfall, following the pattern of warfare established during the past four days. The right-wing National Liberal Party, led by Mr Camille Chamoun, a former President, laid the blame for today's actin on the Syrians.

"We view it as an out-and-out provocation; the Syrians have launched what looks like a predetermined policy of escalate the fighting", it said.

Mr Selim al-Hoss, the Prime minister, announced tonight that Mr Abdul-Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, would arrive in Lebanon tomorrow at the head of a delegation from damascus.

"God willing, there will be positive developments", he said after a two-hour meeting with Prtsident Sarkis.

The Arab League peace force issued a statement saying it had set up a joint committee with he Lebanese Army command o investigate the incident that set off the fighing on Tuesday. I said the aim would be to identify thost responsible for clashes at the fayyadiye army barracks between the Lebanese troops and syrian forces.—Reuter.

Outcry in Australia over job for Sir John Kerr

From Douglas Aiton
Melbourne, Feb 10

Mr Fraser, the Prime Minister, today rejected criticism of his appointment of Sir John Kerr, the former Governor-General, as Australian representative at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, based in Paris.

He described as sheer nonsense suggestions that appointment was a "pay-off" for Sir John's dismissal of Mr Gough Whitlam's Labour Government in 1975, an act that brought Mr Fraser to power.

Sir John, who is 63, will take up his duties within a few weeks at a luxurious Paris office. He will be paid $A29,838 (£17,500) a year, plus generous allowances, as well as his $A33,000 pension as former Governor-General.

The appointment, announced yesterday, has been condemned by union leaders, politicians, diplomats and the press.

Mr Robert Hawke, president of both the Labour Party and the Australian Council of Trade Unions described it "a disgrace, a pay-off, an act of stupidity".

The Foreign Affairs Association, representing career diplomats, said the service was being used as a "generous retirement scheme".

Reaction in the press has been universally hostile. Most criticism has been based on the argument that Sir John's dismissal of Mr Whitlam caused such division that he should, after retirement, keep out of politics.

Even the conservative *Sydney Morning Herald* said today: "It will be considered a naked political appointment by half the country, and it could not survive a change of government".

The newspaper described the job, which the Fraser Government had seen fit to abolish in September, 1975, and resurrected for Sir John, as "a sinecure".

The influential Melbourne newspaper *The Age* commented: "This is a bad appointment which smacks of jobbery

High fashion styles for the Soviet woman

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Feb 10

Floating layers of chiffon and bordeaux crepe de chine cocktail dresses matching toques and long scarves, a black caftan with silver thread embroidery—this is the romantic vision of today's top Soviet dress designers.

"Something for evening wear, a dress to go to the theatre", the presenter said, as the model twirled and posed, swept down the catwalk and smiled dreamily into the middle distance. Soft, dreamy music played on as the women in the audience made quick sketches. The Soviet Union's premier house of fashion was today presenting its new collection.

Outdoors, the well-dressed fashionable Soviet woman will be offered the trenchcoat with shoulder flaps, inverted pleats at the back and a wide flowing base. Or she might wear a sporty red duffle-coat with the hood trimmed in green. For the more classical look there is the sombre grey or beige coat with fur collar and matching fur hat. And with every coat, of course, high leather boots.

Herring bone or check tweeds are popular, with turned up collars, large pocket flaps and occasional fur trimmings.

The dresses showed a mixture of things from every recent fashion trend. To the Western eye many of the models had a familiar look. Waistlines were high, hems were kneelength. The colours were bright and cheerful. The presenter was fond of saying, of the dresses, that they were "characterful".

There was strong emphasis on traditional costume—dresses in bright orange or yellow, embroidered bodices with flowing peasant skirts, suggesting Ukrainian dancers. After years of trying to keep up with Paris, Soviet designers are now emphasizing the "peasant look".

The six models, elegantly made up but not so elegant in their gait, were considerably slimmer than the average Russian woman.

For men Sergei models some sporty three-piece suits in pastel blues or bright checks, some double-breasted suits with slanting pockets and some more casual two-piece styles. He seemed smaller than the average Russian male.

The overall impression was a great mixture. Some dresses were striking, some atrocious. Some styles seemed harmonious, some a hotch-potch. Fashion connoisseurs of French and Italian fashion houses said the Soviet designs were no more derivative than many real presentations. The cut and material were considerably better than might have been expected from acquaintance with ordinary Russian clothes.

The house of fashion in the centre of Moscow shows little to other Soviet designers. Design and clothing factories send their representatives to see what fashion is being set and what style they will manufacture next year.

The showing today seemed divorced from the scene outside as people scurried through the snow in warm unfashionable clothes. The presenters forgot that an American television report was to take pictures, in case the West stole the designs.

Lawyer accused of selling babies on black market

New York, Feb 10.—A lawyer accused of earning $173,000 (£90,000) over the past three years from the black market sale of babies has been charged with unlawfully placing children for adoption. Some babies, it is alleged, fetched $10,000 each.

According to the indictment, women were sent to apartments in New York during the last stages of pregnancy and then financially supported as an inducement to give up the children.

The lawyer, Stanley Michelman, aged 36, is also alleged to have paid hospital workers to act as spotters for young unwed mothers who would be likely to give up their children.—AP.

Clash in Senegal

Dakar, Feb 10.—Ten policemen and Senegalese Socialist Party supporters were wounded by gunfire, two of them seriously, at an election meeting clash in east Senegal with an Opposition group.

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icholas Ashford
sburg, Feb 10

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68 he wrote a book *The Discarded People* ghlighted the plight of t the Limehill resettle- ure in Natal. The book the basis for a British television documentary called *The Dumping Ground*.

Both the book and the film were banned in South Africa. Not long afterwards Mr Desmond was himself banned and placed under house arrest, a form of enforced isolation which was not lifted until mid-1975.

Since then he was for a time regional director of the now banned Christian Institute and more recently has been writing a book, doing research into black unemployment and preparing a new report on Limehill.

This report called *Limehill Revisited*, examines what has happened to the centre's inhabitants during the decade since they were forcibly moved there. It has served to reinforce Mr Desmond's pessimism about South Africa's future.

He discarded his cleric's garb six years ago because he found that he and the Roman Catholic hierarchy disagreed fundamentally as to what the role of the Church in Africa should be.

He was also disappointed by the lack of support he received from his religious superiors in both South Africa and Britain, with the exception of Mgr Denis Hurley, Archbishop of Durban, and a small group of Catholic laymen. The church has recently started to adopt a more openly critical attitude towards the Government's race policies, but he wonders whether this change of heart has not taken place too late.

After giving up holy orders Mr Desmond married and now has two young children. His family accompanied him when he left from Johannesburg for London tonight. He has no immediate plans for the future.

'The Times' attacked by S African newspaper

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, Feb 10

The heated controversy which has developed over the South African Government's proposed legislation concerning black citizenship took on an international dimension today when one of the country's most prominent newspapers strongly attacked *The Times* for a leading article on the subject yesterday.

The attack was contained in *Die Burger*, probably the most influential pro-government newspaper and one which has the ear of Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister. It said it was "strange" that a British newspaper should concern itself with the citizenship issue because it was hard to see how Britain's policy towards its three former protectorates—Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland—could be justified.

"If it is immoral and a constitutional disgrace to give the black homelands independence with citizenship for their people, why," the newspaper asked rhetorically, "was it good and right when Britain did so with its three former protectorates?"

It pointed out that the three black enclaves were largely dependent on the earnings of their citizens who have been working for decades in South Africa but could not acquire citizenship there.

Die Burger's article must be seen as being as much an attack on the opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP), which has been strongly critical of the Citizenship Bill in Parliament, as on *The Times*.

US coalminers reject pact to end strike

From Michael Leapman
New York, Feb 10

Prospects of an early end to the 67-day coal strike receded sharply today as members of the United Mine Workers bargaining council voted by 33 to 3 to reject a peace formula devised this week.

The tentative agreement had been reached between the employers' association and union officials led by Mr Arnold Miller, the union president.

The agreement of the bargaining council is needed before the agreement can even be put to a ballot of the union's 160,000 members. Reactions from union branches in the coalfields indicate strongly that if there were such a vote the agreement would be rejected.

About 500 miners demonstrated ferociously against the agreed terms in Washington today before the bargaining council were due to meet. As a result, Mr Miller postponed the formal meeting, but the ballot of members of the council was taken before they dispersed.

Although generous in terms of pay—it provides for a 37 per cent increase over three years—the agreement includes a restriction on the right of miners to engage in unofficial strikes. It allows for financial penalties to be levied against wildcat strikers and miners who refuse to cross unofficial picket lines.

These provisions are anathema to many miners. They wanted local union branches given the right to call strikes, but this has not been ceded by the employers.

Opposition to the tentative contract poses a threat to Mr Miller's leadership of the union, which is torn by factional rivalries. Mr Miller has been criticized for what some miners see as weakness.

A continuation of the strike would threaten power supplies in some parts of the country, especially in the mining areas where most electricity stations are coal-powered. In West Virginia industrial users have already been made to cut back on power usage by 10 per cent and some firms in Ohio are on a four-day week.

Storm floods Hollywood

Los Angeles, Feb 10.—A tornado lashed southern California with heavy rain during the night, causing floods and widespread damage.

At least three people were killed and 10 injured.

Houses slid down hillsides and cars floated down highways.

Police reported water coursing six feet deep through the streets of Hollywood after floods in mountain and canyon areas. One dam collapsed in Big Tujunga Canyon, pouring a wall of water down into the residential area below.

A city fire department spokesman said they were trying to evacuate the area.

Sixty miles north of the city, six lions and tigers escaped from a zoo during the storm. Police shot two of the lions dead and warned residents to watch out for the rest.

The United States Coast Guard reported the port of Los Angeles was closed to shipping because of flood debris pouring down the Los Angeles River into the harbour.

By 3 am today the third storm to hit the area this week had brought 3.39 inches of rain to Los Angeles, bringing the season total to 19.81 inches—more than twice the normal amount.—UPI, Reuter and AP.

PARLIAMENT, February 10, 1978

Second reading for Bill to curb child pornography: Tory MP speaks of growing public anxiety

House of Commons

Those who sexually exploited children were evil men whose activities must be curbed, Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexley, Bexleyheath, C) said when successfully moving the second reading of the Protection of Children Bill.

It makes the production of pornographic material involving children a criminal offence with fines of up to £10,000 or three years imprisonment or both.

Mr Townsend said that child pornography was a distasteful subject and not unnaturally the vast majority of their fellow countrymen were not fully aware of its prevalence in Britain. Much of the trade was kept under the counter.

MPs would appreciate from their postbags that there was growing public anxiety and strong pressure for legislative action. Half a million people had already signed a petition calling for a change in the law.

We have a duty (he said) to look into the sewers of our society. We have a duty to provide penalties for those who abuse our tolerance and our freedom and we have above all a duty to protect children.

In the western world since the last world war there had been a gradual easing of the laws controlling pornography and in the last few years so called soft porn had given ground, perhaps inevitably, to so called hard porn.

This in turn had led to various deviations such as a vile combination of sex and extreme violence, even murder, and what the Americans called "kiddie porn".

In recent months he had carried out a nationwide investigation into child porn in Britain. It was clear that the vast majority of child porn, perhaps over 80 per cent, came from abroad, Sweden, Holland, and Germany in particular. Authorities would appear to have legal powers to deal with the imported pictures under the Customs and Excise Act but were hampered by shortage of manpower.

The magazines sold for between £2 and £8 a copy.

It was impossible to prove that the photographing of children for pornographic purposes was on the increase in Britain although the majority of those he had consulted believed this was so. They were considering an activity that had one foot in the criminal underworld.

The photographing of children for such purposes was widespread in Britain and not confined either to London or the big cities. There had been too many articles and reports in the papers to leave any doubt.

He had received a statement from the director of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children saying that they and the police were often inhibited in taking action by the present state of the criminal law.

A lucrative market had been established in Britain. Evidence from the police showed that the sophisticated operators were well versed in the law's current concession.

If as a result of new legislation passed by the United States, which had been supplying much of the material, foreign supplies diminished, British pornographic photographers would fill the gap and build their fortunes on the ruins of the children.

The police had told him that pornography, and particularly child pornography, was often used to encourage child models to adopt obscene poses and to have sexual relationships with other children, adults or even animals.

There was now in Britain an abominable child sex group called the Paedophile Information Exchange. It had been publicly pressing for legislation to allow sexual relationships with children down to the age of four. It claimed 250 members in Great Britain. It had a nationwide news sheet and contact lists.

The group sent information throughout the world and had become the centre of a network.

He was informed that even the porn merchants themselves had become concerned by this insidious and revolting trend in pornography.

Careful research showed that to all intents and purposes those who took obscene photographs of children without assaulting them were not being prosecuted because of the uncertainties of the law. Even if it was possible to prosecute the penalties would be inadequate.

I believe (he said) the Home Office is gaining a most unwholesome reputation for complacency and indifference. It is a national scandal that the Home Office is not supporting this Bill, merely not opposing it.

He had heard from a reliable source that the committee under Professor Williams, which was doing a major job of work breathing sanity and force into the muddled and out-dated laws of obscenity, indecency and violence, was unlikely to report for two or three years.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C)—On the subject of the Williams Committee and agreeing that we cannot wait that long, in the meantime the movement is in the opposite direction.

The police service has received through the aegis of the Home Office proposals that the age of consent should be reduced to 14 for boys and girls for hetrosexual and homosexual behaviour—(Interruptions)—that the offence of rape should be abolished, that incest should no longer—(Further loud interruptions)—be a specifically defined criminal offence when committed between mutual consenting persons over 14 and that sections of the 1956 and 1967 Acts relating to buggery should be repealed.

These matters have been conveyed to the police by the Home Office and they have been asked to consider them and give their advice. I do not allege that the Home Office is a party to the suggestions, I say only that they have asked the police to consider them. While we are waiting for Williams the whole trend of legislation could go in the opposite direction.

Mr Townsend said he had tried to produce a Bill that would not only be acceptable to the House and become law without delay but one which would also protect children where they were most vulnerable.

He had been appalled by the high risks of blackmail which accompanied child pornography. Many policemen considered that child models and their families were in real danger from blackmailers.

This Bill was wanted now because they had a new problem which required new legislation as the matter would get infinitely worse if they did not act. They had an historic duty to protect those who could not protect themselves.

They had acted to prevent the abuse of little children as chimney sweeps, in factories, in dark satanic mills, and deep down the mines.

Will we act today (he said) to prevent their abuse in child pornography? (Cheers.)

'No civilized society should tolerate the corruption of children'

Mr Brynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office (Pontypridd, Lab) said the Government would do nothing to deny the Bill a second reading.

In a typical and unscrupulous fashion, Mr Griffiths had suggested that the Home Office had instituted a suggestion to the Police Federation that the age of consent should be lowered.

The Criminal Law Revision Committee, an independent body, was reviewing sexual offences with a view to their codification. It had circulated to the police and other organizations a consultation document listing various possibilities which had been canvassed by some outside bodies.

I have made clear time after time (he said) that the Government have proposed no change in the age of consent. Let us dispose of that canard at the beginning.

Mr Griffiths—I did not suggest that the Home Office themselves were a party to these suggestions (Labour shouts of "Apologize" and "Sit down").

What I did say is that these precise suggestions conveyed by the Home Office to the Police Federation and seeking their views (Labour interruptions) could lead to the whole trend of legislation going in the opposite direction to that which Mr Townsend wishes (Renewed Labour interruptions).

Mr John—I treat that intervention with the contempt it deserves. The House wants to elevate the debate to a much higher level than Mr Griffiths will ever do. (Loud Labour cheers).

The Home Office believed no civilized society should tolerate corruption of children either for perverted sexual pleasure or, worse, a cynical desire to profit from the perversions of others.

We are, therefore (he said), determined to enable the law to give every reasonable assistance to the police in bringing those guilty of this vile practice to justice. I am sorry that those calling for a higher moral tone in our nation's affairs, such as Mr Ronald Butt in *The Times*, should devote so much of their time to ascribing unworthy motives to others. We are all at one in this though we differ as to the means but not as to ends.

Over recent months the Home Office had had consultations with many police forces one was the Greater Manchester force.

At no time (he continued) until Mr Anderton appeared in the press yesterday have we received the sort of advice from him which was attributed to the police yesterday. It is a pity, if that was so, that this advice was not tendered earlier.

Pornography showing children, sometimes very young ones, being used sexually by adults or in sexual activity with one another was almost exclusively manufactured abroad. The Chief Constable of Manchester disagreed with the unknown attribution in *The Times* yesterday that three quarters of this type of pornography was home produced. That was not so.

There was ample legislation to deal with it if it was obscene or indecent. Customs officials acted without hesitation to seize it if they discovered it. Smuggling obviously got some of it into the country. The Obscene Publications Act was a means of dealing with it. There was a maximum jail sentence of three years.

The amount of such foreign hard porn in circulation was not great and had no shown a rapid increase in recent times. Press reports to the contrary did not represent the police view.

There was also soft child pornography which usually portrayed children, nude or semi-clad, sometimes posing provocatively. This was more widely obtainable by those who knew where to look for it but by no means so widely as were the so-called girlie magazines.

Material from abroad may be seized by Customs as indecent. The problem was one of enforcement.

For the home produced variety the courts had to decide if the less offensive material would be regarded as obscene. A quantity of this material had been seized by the Metropolitan Police and his department were waiting a court decision on it.

Seizure of pornography was secondary to the aim of protecting people. The Director of Public Prosecutions had emphasized that cases where no criminal charges were possible were rare.

He (Mr John) was not saying there were no theoretical gaps in the law and the Bill might help in plugging them. But such gaps were almost non-existent. The Government would not do anything to impede the Bill getting a second reading and going to committee but they knew it would inevitably take some time to enact.

It is in the spirit (he said) of encouraging a public debate and the search for something better that we welcome the detailed scrutiny which a committee stage will give.

The Home Office had met Mr Townsend twice, once with his legal adviser. He would acknowledge that the present form of the Bill owed something to the constructive work the Home Office had done.

We have (he said) given him reasonable help with the drafting and not evaded points he has made.

Support from other parties

Mr Michael Alison (Barkston Ash, C) said there should be a simple new form of sexual offence against a child, which was the taking of an indecent photograph of the child. The problems about proving sexual assault would be solved by the fact that the appearance of a child in what a jury decided was an indecent pose in a photograph would be an indecent assault.

MPs should rush the Bill through to produce the simple new form of indecent sexual assault on a child under the age of 16.

Mr Arthur Bottomley (Teesside, Middlesbrough, Lab) said the Bill would protect the innocence of children from greedy porn merchants and parents.

Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgomeryshire, L) said that Liberals hoped the Bill would have a second reading, but he doubted whether it would be effective.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, Scot Nat) said that whatever the other offences against decency there was a particular degradation and evil where children were concerned. He regretted the Bill did not apply to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Mr John, intervening, said that whether the Bill applied to Scotland or Northern Ireland was a matter for consideration. The Government would not be obstructive on the matter. Present legislation on the subject varied considerably. The Northern Ireland Office were sympathetic to its extension to the Province.

Mr Stewart said he pledged his party's support for the aims of the Bill.

Mr Richard Mitchell (Southampton, Itchen, Lab) said there were difficulties regarding the definition of indecency. Could the sort of picture one saw on page three of a certain publication be classified as an indecent photograph if the person concerned were under 16?

The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, DUP) said the House should keep before it the fact that they were dealing with the welfare of the child; this was not a debate on pornography per se. It was a debate on taking a child and ruining that child for financial purposes and so twisting and warping the future of that child that it was destroyed both in time and eternity.

It was to be regretted that big business with its financial machinery would take a child and use that child for its own personal aggrandisement. Big business in this must be condemned and must be got after by the law of the land.

He understood the Home Office feelings when their character was being impuned that they in some way were not for the objectives of the Bill. These men had convictions and did not want to see the children of this country lead down this dark and terrible abyss.

Mr David Young (Bolton, East, Lab) said *The Times* had recently quoted the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester as saying last year 162,000 publications had been seized and valued at £500,000. It appeared they were not dealing with a sporadic problem but something they must treat urgently.

Mr Charles Irving (Cheltenham, C) said the proposed penalties were totally inadequate, and there should be maximum fines of at least £100,000.

Mrs Audrey Wise (Coventry, South-West, Lab) said she supported the Bill wholeheartedly. It should not be difficult to get some general consensus as to the definition of indecency when children were involved.

Mr Anthony Grant (Harrow, Central, C) said he was no puritan but this was a filthy trade. The mind boggled at the mentality of those who had anything to do with such muck, including even the printers and retailers.

Many people, otherwise normal and respectable, got involved in advancing this obnoxious activity because "Where there's muck there's brass". The penalties in the Bill were inadequate. Maybe they should even be unlimited.

Sir Michael Havers, Opposition spokesman on law (Merton, Wimbledon, C) said that in America in any one month there were 264 different magazines produced showing photographs of young boys. That was the magnitude of the problem. In the United States this was a major crime industry involving large sums of money.

One of the problems was not only the involvement of the child in these photographs but the consequences to children of adults seeing the photographs. The present law was a grey area.

The United States had recognized the problem. Only a short time ago President Carter gave consent to a Bill dealing with it.

The fact that one of the major producers of this form of filth had passed a law of that sort meant that one of the major sources of supply for this country would be cut off, if that Bill was effective. That would encourage increasing domestic production of this sort of work.

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said child pornography was increasing because Parliament had been so slow to react against adult pornography. No fad or fashion was static. The more sick appetites were fed by pornography and the more normal appetites were perverted by it then the more extreme were the limits to which pornographers must go.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C) said the Police Federation supported the Bill because there was evidence that the abuse of children for indecent purposes was a growing evil; secondly because they knew the public wanted it and because they wanted to fire a warning shot across the bows of those, not only among intellectuals and sociologists but in other powerful positions, who progressively and in the name of liberty had been pulling out some of the props from under the rule of decency.

Sir Bernard Braine (South-East Essex, C) said he was disappointed about the Bill. It did not go far enough in dealing with the growing threat to the moral and physical health of children. Those who destroyed children in this way were guilty of murder, and those who published the material were accessories to murder. The Bill did not cover the text of material in magazines. The text could be more explicit, more brutal and more perverted than photographs or films.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill was read a second time.

House adjourned, 4.30.

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Monica, Feb 10.—A cri- California woman kept or dying cats in her oom flat, placing the s in a makeshift morgue oard boxes. They were after Miss Patricia was taken to hospital W. McGowan, of the nal shelter, said 100 s were found stuffed oard boxes stacked to g, in plastic bags and tables. The 70 surviv- were half-starved.

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ngeles, Feb 10.—Ned actor detained here ago for questioning e 12 killings by the Strangler" is to be from custody because found no evidence im.

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a, Feb 10.—South publications appeal s ruled that a book *hat the Censors Saw*, John Trevelyan, the hief film censor in s "undesirable".

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ideo, Feb 10.—A DC3 aft crashed at Artigas east Uruguay, killing eople aboard in the disaster in the coun- ry.

Moth flies on

Feb 10. — Flight- t David Cyster, who to fly to Australia in Moth biplane, arrived y from Brindisi.

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Feb 10.—Egypt has a Bill imposing 40 consumption of alco- nks, in keeping with law, a newspaper re- ere.



One-way journey: Mr Vadim Borishpolets, one of the expelled Soviet diplomats (far right), waiting for his flight at Ottawa airport yesterday. He is accompanied by Soviet diplomatic couriers.

Mr Trudeau seeks amity with Russia

From Our Correspondent
Ottawa, Feb 10

The discovery of a spy ring based in the Soviet Embassy here will not prevent Canada from continuing to have good relations with the Soviet Union, Mr Trudeau, the Prime Minister, said today.

He said at a press conference that the espionage operation was disturbing the friendship between the two countries, and he regretted it very much. "But it is not in my mind a reason to prevent us from having good relations with the Soviet Union", he added.

The Canadian Government yesterday ordered 11 Soviet nationals to leave the country for what Mr Donald Jamieson, the External Affairs Minister, described as "inadmissable activities". Two others have already left Canada and will not be permitted to return.

All 13, most of them diplomats, were involved in an attempt to recruit a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted police in order to penetrate the force's security service.

Mr Trudeau told reporters that he hoped trade and other exchanges with the Soviet Union will go on, "though, no doubt, they will be made more difficult. It is not the end of our relations by any means".

Moscow statement: The Soviet Union today described the Canadian decision to expel 13 Soviet officials for alleged spying as a provocative act based on "absolutely groundless charges".

In the first public Soviet reaction to the Canadian decision, Tass said it was authorized to state "that the actions of the appropriate Canadian authorities ar regarded as unfriendly ones, and that they were taken with obviously provocative aims".

Tass accused opponents of détente in Canada of stepping up in recent times an anti-Soviet "caimpaign", backed by Canada's "special services".

Yesterday, the Canadian External Affairs Minister said Ottawa would regard any retaliatory Soviet expulsion of Canadian diplomats as completely unjustified.

There were already signs of strain between the two countries after the crash last month over Northern Canada of a nuclear-powered Soviet spy satellite.—Reuter and AP.

Churchmen publish report on Namibia 'Torture'

Lusaka, Feb 10.—Two churchmen from Namibia (South-West Africa) alleged in a report released in Lusaka today that torture was institutionalized in the territory ruled by South Africa.

The 62-page booklet, entitled *Torture—a Cancer in our Society*, was released by the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), which is holding talks in New York with five Western powers mediating between the organization and South Africa.

The report by Father H. Hunke, of the Namibian Catholic Church, and Mr J. Ellis, of the Windhoek Christian Centre, includes sworn affidavits by alleged victims of torture.

Windhoek: South African troops entered Angola from South-West Africa yesterday and killed 18 guerrillas in a "hot pursuit" operation, the South African commander here disclosed tonight.—Reuter.

Crucial decision tomorrow on Rhodesia settlement

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Feb 10

The success or failure of the 10-week Rhodesian internal settlement talks now hinges on a decision of the executive of the United African National Council (UANC), Bishop Abel Muzorewa's party.

Commanding the support of the majority of politically thinking blacks in this country, it will decide on Sunday whether to accept or reject an eight point agreement drawn up at the talks.

The majority of the issues have already been agreed. The crucial factor is whether the UANC leaders will accept the principle of 28 white seats, out of 100 in a future parliament, being elected on a separate voters roll.

The three other delegations—the Rhodesian Government, the African National Council of the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, and the Zimbabwe United People's Organization (ZUPO) — have agreed on this 28-seat, separate-roll policy, but the bishop has refused.

The pressure on the bishop from the political world and elsewhere has been enormous. A report broadcast today by the Rhodesia Broadcasting Corporation said that the bishop had finally succumbed and agreed with the other parties, but this could not be confirmed tonight.

Salisbury, Feb 10.—Bishop Muzorewa is suing Mr Sithole's African National Council and the *Zimbabwe Times* for about £5m for alleged libel

Our Geneva Correspondent writes: Deliveries of Chinese military supplies to Rhodesian nationalist guerrillas are mentioned in what are purported to be documents seized by the Rhodesian forces during raids in November on the Chimoio and Tembwe camps in Mozambique—details of which are published today in the *Tribune de Genève*.

According to a photo-copy of what is said to be the manifest of the cargo vessel, Changshu, 547 cases of rifles and 6,901 cases of ammunition from the China National Machinery and Export Corporation were unloaded at Beira for the Zanu guerrillas.

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Polish bishops have been actively consolidating their positions since the historic meeting last year between Mr Edward Gierek, the Polish party secretary, and the Pope produced the first public recognition by the state of the church's competence to speak for its members on political issues.

In its fight against "immorality", against widespread alcoholism and corruption, the church walks hand in hand with the Gierek Government. "The church has got this far because it has not allowed itself to get involved with dissidents", one Roman Catholic editor told me.

Another editor disagreed. The church had not actively cooperated with critics of the regime, he said, but it certainly had not withdrawn its support for them. His opinion appears to be borne out in practice.

Russia offers nothing new at Belgrade

From Our Correspondent
Belgrade, Feb 10

Hopes of ending the deadlock at the Belgrade conference on European security were dashed again today when the Russians tabled a new proposal for a final document, which added practically nothing to what they have been saying for the past month.

The only novelty was some unimportant matters of protocol. The human rights issues, which the West wants included, were not even mentioned.

Nevertheless the very fact that the Russians went through the motions of appearing to be more flexible is regarded as a sign that they might be ready to cooperate in the final stages.

Mr Arthur Goldberg, the American delegate, called the Russian proposal "totally deficient as a concluding document". He expressed regret that "some delegations use too frequently the word 'never'". For a consensus to be reached there should be more give and take, he said.

Agreement on resources

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Feb 10

Government experts from 26 countries, meeting here for the past two weeks, have finally agreed on a list of principles to be observed by states when using or conserving natural resources which individual states share with their neighbours.

This was the fifth meeting of experts within two years on the subject. The report of this meeting will go to the governing council of the United Nations Environment Programme which will meet here in May.

The list of principles now agreed records that while individual states have the right to exploit their own natural resources, they have a responsibility to ensure that their activities do not damage the environment of other states.

Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, Canada and India were among the states represented at the Nairobi meeting.

SPORT

Football

George falls back on his pride

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Sadly, Charlie George was yesterday replaced in the England B party for the match against West Germany in Augsburg on February 21. The decision to pass over only his second international opportunity was his own, and almost certainly ended all hope of his appearing in any future England team.

It is understood that George's "personal" reason for refusing Ron Greenwood's invitation was probably nothing more than pride. He was exceedingly unhappy when removed from the field by Don Revie, the previous England manager, during his first appearance in September, 1976, but this season he had been playing so well that he was believed to have been insulted by the offer to play for the B team. Tommy Docherty, the Derby County manager, and others have said they consider George's decision unwise.

George certainly seems to have overlooked the fact that Mr Greenwood made it clear when announcing the parties that he had no intention of altering the senior team who beat Italy in November. Several members of that side are not now playing particularly well for their clubs, and many of those chosen for the B party are currently performing well enough to be ready for the senior team. Such is the dilemma that immediately arises when B team football is revived.

Mr Greenwood would not comment yesterday, but had given George time to reconsider. This expired in the morning, and George was then replaced by the Arsenal forward, Sunderland, who has made two appearances for England teams. Ironically, Sunderland plays in much the same position in the Arsenal team as George did before he moved to Derby County. He was bought from Wolverhampton Wanderers for £160,000 and was substitute in the England under-23 team against Scotland in 1973-74 and played for the under-21 side against Wales 15 months ago.

Today George will be playing for Derby at Elland-Road, where he will probably face another of Mr Greenwood's B team selections in Currie. Whatever England's standing in world terms at this time, there is little doubt that few countries could permit themselves the luxury of selecting such talented players for their second team.

Nottingham Forest's beautifully simple football, like an innocently perceptive child's painting, against Leeds United in a League Cup match on Wednesday diverted attention away from Currie, who nevertheless played superbly. He now finds himself in the dispiriting position of trying to prompt a team who have forgotten their lines. They are now out of the FA Cup, on the point of departure in the League Cup, and 10 points behind Nottingham Forest in the first division. They have £850,000 to spend on new players, having sold McQueen and Jordan to Manchester United, but are expecting to find that clubs with sound players to sell will suddenly raise their prices.

Yesterday Jimmy Armfield, the Leeds manager, said: "Although we have done well financially out of the transfers, clubs should not get the idea that we are an easy touch, and that they can get exorbitant fees from us." Among the players they are interested in as a replacement for McQueen is the Luton Town defender, Paul Futcher.

Luton are believed to want £350,000 or more for Futcher even though he has played only three matches since being seriously injured in a car crash. Futcher is interested in moving to a first division club, and says that Luton cannot afford to pay the wages that a player worth £350,000 is worth. So dissatisfaction finds its roots in speculation.

Leeds will be depleted today by the loss of their regular goalkeeper, Harvey, also Reaney and Lorimer, all of whom were injured in the match against Forest. Currie has a slight strain but hopes to play. Derby will include Blockley, the central defender they have on loan from Leicester City.

The prolonged transfer negotiations involving McQueen and Manchester United may have been given a final nudge by an injury to the United defender, Buchan, but today McQueen is ineligible to play at Chelsea, so Brian Greenhoff replaces Buchan. He will try to divert a team who have scored 15 goals in their last three home games and are now only one point behind United despite an anxious start to their season.

Snow and ice will again disrupt the day's programme. Everton, who are Nottingham Forest's nearest challengers, albeit at a distance of six points, are out of action because the Norwich City ground is unfit for play, and Newcastle United's match with Birmingham City was another early victim. Many other pitches are to be inspected this morning, but snow on the terraces is an equal threat.

Manchester City, at home to Queen's Park Rangers and with Channon among their forwards, are unlikely to get any closer to Forest even if they win and join Everton in second place. Forest are at Aston Villa, whose players were given a short holiday this week as part of what the manager, Ron Saunders, quaintedly called "our only special preparation".

Three of Forest's team, Shilton, Gemmill and Needham, were compulsorily rested from the midweek cup match because they were ineligible. All three return today. Villa did well to beat Arsenal at Highbury last Saturday, and should be stronger in defence now that Gidman is fit again. But they may not be strong enough.





It is not to be: George (left) takes the negative line on England, Sunderland the positive.

Rugby Union

British game criticized as negative and stale

By Peter West

The approach to rugby in the British Isles comes in for some scathing criticism from Geoffrey Mould, who has returned to Sydney, after the spectacularly successful tour here of the Australian 19 group schools side. He has been quoted in his national newspaper, *The Australian*, as saying that rugby union in Great Britain is negative and stale, and that our coaches, although they recognize the problem seem unable to do much about it.

"The negative approach employed by teams in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland is incredible", he said. "There is a preoccupation with negating the mauls and kicking from five-eighth" (which in our language is half back).

His team were unbeaten in a 16-match programme that took them to Japan, England, Ireland, Wales and The Netherlands. They scored 110 tries, and conceded only six. "We kicked maybe five times during the entire tour", Mould added, "and we ran the ball at every opportunity. It was something the opposition weren't really prepared for. I'm not blowing my own trumpet because I wasn't playing, and the boys did the work, but the fact is they scored 25 per cent of the tries from deep in their own half."

David Brockhoff, the former Wallaby coach who is now in charge of the New South Wales senior side, observed that the schools' forwards must have dominated proceedings for the side to do as well as it did. They won some excellent possession which the backs moved with crisp, accurate passing on the lines of their old Wallaby forebears.

It must have been a revelation to some of their young opponents, and even to some of an older generation who have forgotten that the ball, swiftly and accurately moved, will always beat the man.

Dixon rests for Waterloo today but may soon return to the fray

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Peter Dixon, the England flank forward who missed the Welsh international match because of a shoulder injury sustained against France, has decided, after all, to defer his return to the fray. He has withdrawn from the Gosforth side at Waterloo today and will give himself another week's rest before playing against Wilmslow next Saturday, in preparation for a testing John Player Cup tie at Gloucester seven days later. He, thus, will have plenty of time to prove his fitness before England's next international, against Scotland at Murrayfield on March 4. So, too, should the British Lions prop, Fran Cotton, who has missed both of England's internationals with a knee injury. He intends returning to the fray against Bradford next weekend, when England's selectors are due to choose their next side.

Northampton's pitch has been protected by polythene sheeting for most of the week, but this was whipped up by the wind in one area and the club are keeping their fingers crossed for the visit of Moseley. If this game is played, it will see the return to the first-class scene of a player who last appeared for the Saints, when he was a schoolboy, in 1969.

Stephen Watkins, a centre, made his first appearance for the Midlands club on their Easter tour that year. A recurring shoulder injury then cut short his career when he joined Blackheath after leaving Loughborough Colleges, in whose team he was a contemporary with Fran Cotton and Stephen Smith. In 1972-73 he dislocated his shoulder thrice more when indulging in other athletic pursuits. Since then, an operation appears to have done the trick, and here he is again after two seasons in local village football.

Moseley are resting Corless after the Welsh international, and they again prefer Martin Cooper to Cusworth at stand-off half.

Gloucester, who have acquired 135 points in six consecutive victories, will be looking for a seasonal "double" against a Bath team happy to learn that the former England No. 8, Gay, is available again now that examinations are behind him. Farther to the west, Leicester, who have not won at Rodney Parade for almost six years, will take on a Newport XV with Jeffrey Squire, Welsh flank forward against England, restored to No 8. The Newport lock, Watkins, will be playing his first full match since early November.

There should be another excellent contest at Bristol, where Cardiff will arrive on the crest of a wave with eight wins in a row, including a second victory this season over Llanelli.

There is a tacit agreement between London clubs the players sent off the field should not play again until their case have been dealt with, but Blackheath have selected their prop Tromer, for a merit table match at Richmond. He was given marching orders when playing against London Irish last week.

J. P. R. Williams cannot play for Bridgend against Londo Welsh at Old Deer Park, Garet Howls, the 31-year-old prop, will make his 500th appearance fo Ebbw Vale against Penarth— club record by a forward.



Squire in his proper station: No 8 restored at Newport

Hockey

Last call for top flight

By Sydney Friskin

For England's World Cup hockey party the training weekend at Bisham Abbey is the last call for the flight to Buenos Aires. The suspense should end early next week when the names of the 16 players, who will receive their boarding cards on March 13, will be announced.

The two-day training period at Marlow will be rounded off with matches against Berkshire, Surrey and Hertfordshire. Whether all three games will be played depends on the weather, which cut the programme at Lilleshall a fortnight ago to one match. In the appalling climatic conditions that match could not have been a guide to selection.

It is doubtful whether Sunday's three matches are intended to serve the same purpose. The team have probably been selected or most of them and the games against the counties are intended for practice. England's next commitment is on March 11 and 12 at Lord's, where they will be playing Australia and India, the World Cup holders.

There is less pressure on the England under-21 party of 26 in training today and tomorrow at Aldershot. They are preparing to go to Switzerland in July for a qualifying play-off in the junior European championship which is to be held in Ireland in the autumn.

Southgate have a score to settle with Guildford, whom they meet in the London League today. Guildford beat Southgate in the semi-final round (southern division) of the national club championship on penalty strokes and are in second position in the London League table. Southgate are third.

Changes in women's team

By Joyce Whitehead

England have another new woman's hockey captain, the seventh in nine years. Lesley Hurley, the young right half from Leicestershire, replaces Jenny Tippin. Miss Hurley has been a member of the England team since 1972, except for one year, 1973, when she was in the B side. She has played for Leicestershire since 1971. Five years ago she played in the England Under-23 side.

In addition to the new captain, there are four newcomers. Three of them are in the defence; J. Pool (Hampshire) is the new left back, she replaces Anne Lunt (Lancashire).

The Nigerian born R. Sykes the new centre half is from Kent. She replaces Mrs Wooldridge who has retired. K. Dodd, formerly of Scottish Universities, and the present South centre half, has rather surprisingly replaced Mr Tippin. S. Slocombe (Somerset) the top goal scorer in the territorial matches becomes England new left inner (but what will sh do without her Somerset partner S. Franks, who hand stops th corners for her?)

Mrs Tippin finds herself in th England B side but not as cap tain, that is the honour of Mr Lunt (Lancashire) who has als been replaced in the fu international side.

The missing member of las year's team is D. Haselden of Lancashire, who rose from the rank to the full international side i one season. She is still the lef wing in the England Under-2 team but plays only for the Nort B side this season.

England's first match is again Wales on March 4 a Llanelli.

Peacock does himself proud with 100

Charlton 2 Oldham 2

An eighty-ninth minute goal by Chapman gave Oldham a point to keep them on the fringe of the promotion race in a game which saw both teams doing well to overcom ethe effects of a frost-covered pitch. Flanagan failed to celebrate his England call-up with a goal, but had a hand in both Charlton's goals and was twice unlucky.

After 31 minutes he collected a cross from Peacock, rounded the goalkeeper and passed square for McAuley to score. He had a fine shot superbly saved by Platt on the stroke of half time and hit the woodwork with another effort just before Oldham equalized in the sixty-ninth minute. Taylor hit the bar from 20 yards and Valentine headed home the rebound.

After 83 minutes Peacock drove home his hundredth goal for Charlton after Flanagan had chested down a long ball from Warman. Oldham, who had played some fine football in difficult conditions just deserved the equalizer.

Second division

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Swimming

PARIS: Women's 800m free-style: J. C. Woodhead (US), 8min 27.2sec (new world record).

Eton fives

SCHOOLS' MATCH: Highgate beat Harrow, 5—0.

Hull's poor record leads to manager's dismissal

Hull City yesterday dismissed their manager, Bobby Collins. He joined the club as first team coach during the close season and became manager four and half months ago when John Kaye was dismissed. Syd Owen, the first team coach since December, has also been dismissed, and Ken Houghton, the club's youth coach for 18 months, has been appointed first team coach and acting manager. Hull's chairman Bob Chapman said: "We have had a disastrous run of results. We have not had an away win under Bobby's management, we are down near the bottom of the table, and we had to do something drastic.

"Naturally I am disappointed to do this, but we have our supporters to think about." Hull have won only one of their last 14 league and cup games. Mr Houghton has named a party of 14 for today's game at Stoke. Warboys, out of action since December 27 with hamstring trouble, and Sunley, are recalled.

Stoke City will appoint a new manager within the next 48 hours. The board released a short statement yesterday, but their chairman, Tom Degg, would not comment on the candidates for the job. The statement read: "We wish to inform our loyal band of supporters we are not marking time, as it has been suggested by many people, but we are in the process of interviewing candidates for the position of manager and we hope to make a definite choice within the next day or so. We feel it unwise to buy new players until the new manager has been appointed, when the first priority will be to strengthen the team with players of his selection."

Hereford United's defender Jefferson and Briley, a forward, have been suspended for three matches from today by an FA Disciplinary Committee after totalling 20 disciplinary points. Bryant of Northampton Town has also received a three-match suspension and Cowell (Torquay) a two-match ban, both starting from today.

Despite snow and ice Cambridge United's pitch has been declared fit for today's home game with Plymouth Argyle, but the club is considering seeking Football League permission for a postponement. United have eight players ill with influenza.

Bristol City's youth coach, Don Mackay is to leave at the end of the month. He is to coach the Danish fourth division club, Nuresundby.

Mackay said last night: "They have offered me a three-year contract at twice the money I am getting at Bristol and are giving me a free house as well."

Mackay has been with Bristol City for nearly four seasons and their manager Alan Dicks said: "The Danes have come in with an offer which is far better than we could match and we wish him well."

Two Argentine World Cup stars banned

Buenos Aires, Feb 10.—The Argentine Football Association's discipine board have suspended three players, including two members of the national team, for up to 20 matches for their behaviour in an Argentine championship match on January 25. The board suspended Omar Larrosa for 20 matches and Ruben Galvan for 15. Both are members of the Independiente club of Buenos Aires and have been chosen for the World Cup party. A third Independiente player, Enzo Trossero, was also given a 20-match suspension.

Larrosa, Galvan and Trossero were sent off during the final championship match against Talleres, of Cordoba, for disputing a Talleres goal. A Talleres player, Angel Bocanelli, admitted this week he pushed the ball into the net with his hand.

Peru's selectors have dropped Julio Melendez, the Alianza Lima full back who captained the national team during qualifying rounds for the World Cup, as well as their second string goalkeeper, Jose Gonzales.

The coaches who supervised rigorous workouts for the 33 players in the Peruvian training party said Melendez and Gonzales were not fit. Melendez immediately demanded the opportunity to prove his fitness on the field.

Peru face the Netherlands, Scotland and Iran in the first round of the World Cup finals in Argentina. The Peruvians plan a series of local games for their party in March and a European trip in April.

Snooker

Canadian all square with Higgins

Cliff Thorburn, from Canada, withstood splendid early play from Alex Higgins to reach the end of the first phase level at 3—3 in the 13-frame Masters final, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, at the New London Theatre yesterday.

Chasing a prize of £3,000, the 30-year-old from Toronto retaliated after Higgins, in his usual high-speed style, had won the opening three frames. He squared the match in dazzling fashion, scoring a tournament-best break of 88.

Higgins, of Ireland, began where he left off in Thursday's semi-final round against Ray Reardon, streaking clear with wins of 107—17, 71—41, 94—6. Then came a 20-minute interval which broke Higgins's flow, but enabled Thorburn to regain his composure. The Canadian title-holder took the fourth 69—17, cleared the colours for a 104—16 win in the next and then came his stunning break for a 102—13 success.

Golf

Seven birdies give Rogers one-stroke lead

Palm Springs, Feb 10.—Bill Rogers birdied seven of his final 13 holes yesterday to gain a one-stroke lead over Tom Watson and Miller Barber after two rounds of the five-day Bob Hope desert golf tournament. Rogers had a 67 for a total of 136. The third round will be played tomorrow.

Watson made a poor start, one over par at the second hole and two over at the third, but he finished the front side with a birdie at the fourth and another at the ninth. He then played the back nine in a brilliant five-under-par 31 for a 68 on the day and a 137 total. Barber equalled the day's low round with a 67.

Peter Oosterhuis, of Britain, had 71 for a total of 138 to go into a seven-way tie for fourth place.

LEADING SCORES: 136, W. Rogers 69, 67; 137, T. Watson 69, 68; M. Barber 70, 67; 139, P. Oosterhuis (GB) 67, 71; G. Jones 69, 69; R. Walzel 70, 78; T. Purtzer 68, 70; L. Hinkle 71, 67; W. Blackburn 70, 68; D. Edwards 71, 67; 140, D. Graham (Australia) 66, 73; A. Palmer 69, 70; L. Trevino 72, 69; J. McGee 71, 68; T. Shaw 69, 70.—Reuter.

Yachting

Knox-Johnston challenge to Tabarly

The British yachtsman, Robin Knox-Johnston has challenged his French rival, Eric Tabarly, to a 9,000 kilometre (approx 5,500 mile) race for a case of champagne. Tabarly's boat Pen Duick VI ws banned from the Whitbread race round the world as a result of protests by Knox-Johnston about its construction methods.

Tabarly, now in Rio de Janeiro, is deciding whether to take up the challenge. He said he would go cruising off South America instead of staying with the fleet for the final leg back to Portsmouth.

"We would like to race him, boat against boat, back to Britain. We never wanted him banned as a result of our protest. Just given a more realistic handicap figure. I wouldn't like him to feel any bitterness towards us", said Knox-Johnston before leaving his home at Hamble, to re-join his boat, Condor, at Rio.

For the record

Tennis

ST LOUIS: Second round: S. Mayer beat V. Gerulaitis, 6—3, 7—6; W. Fibak beat R. Hewitt, 6—3, 6—1; R. Stockton beat P. Fleming, 6—3, 6—2; C. Lewis beat M. Cox, 6—3, 7—5; J. Newcombe beat Tom Gullikson, 6—3, 6—3.

SPRINGFIELD (Massachusetts): H. Solomon beat B. Weiss, 6—1, 6—4; 6—3; S. Smith beat R. Taylor, 6—3, 6—3; R. Lutz beat J. Andrew, 6—3, 6—1; M. Riessen beat A. Filol, 6—2, 4—6, 6—4.

SEATTLE (Washington): Quter-final round: Miss W. Turnbull beat Miss R. Casals, 5—7, 6—1, 6—3; Miss B. Stove beat Mrs K. Reid, 6—4, 6—1.

MISSISSAUGA (Canada): Quarter-final round: Miss S. Fulleson beat Miss L. Dupont, 6—2, 6—2; Miss S. Walsh beat Miss D. Deeter, 7—6, 6—4.

Ice hockey

NEW YORK: National League: Buffalo Sabres 2, New York Rangers 0; Philadelphia Flyers 6, Vancouver Canucks 2; Chicago Black Hawks 3, Montreal Canadiens 3; Boston Bruins 5, Detroit Red Wings 3; Atlanta Flames 4, Los Angeles Kings 2. World Association: Houston Aeros 2, Quebec Nordiques 1.

Golf

MANILA: 140, M. Siodina (Philippines), 73+67; 141, J. Aross (Philippines) 72+69; Ho Ming Chung 69+72=141; W. Sanders (US), 74+68=142; Hsu Chi-Sen (Taiwan), 73+70=143; R. Lavares (Philippines) 70+73=143. British score: 149, H. Clark, 69+80.

Boxing

COPENHAGEN: Light-heavyweight: Mustapha Wasawula (Uganda) beat Bob Foster (US), 10th round.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division

Aston Villa v Notts Forest .....
Chelsea v Manchester Utd .....
Leeds v Derby .....
Leicester v Arsenal .....
Liverpool v Ipswich .....
Manchester City v QP Rangers ..
Middlesbrough v Coventry .....
West Ham Utd v Bristol City ....
Wolverhampton v W Bromwich ..

Postponed: Newcastle v Birmingham: Norwich v Everton.

Third division

Bradford City v Tranmere .....
Cambridge Utd v Plymouth .....
Colchester v Rotherham .....
Exeter v Peterborough .....
Gillingham v Chester .....
Hereford v Preston NE .....
Lincoln v Portsmouth .....
Oxford Utd v Carlisle .....
Sheffield W v Port Vale .....
Walsall v Shrewsbury .....
Wrexham v Chesterfield .....

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: AP Leamington v Cheltenham; Barnet v Kettering; Bath v Malvisione; Bedford v Gravesend; Dartford v Hastings; Grantham v Weaidstone; Hillingdon v Minehead; Nuneaton v Weymouth; Telford v Dover; Yeovil v Atherstone. First division (North): Banbury v Tamworth; Bedworth v Merthyr Tydfil; Bridgend v King's Lynn; Dunstable v Barry; Gloucester v Laderby; Milton Keynes v Wellingborough; Stourbridge v Bromsgrove; Witney Town v Oswestry, South: Andover v Margate; Aylesbury v Ashford; Canterbury v Folkestone and Stowmay; Chelmsford v Basingstoke; Dorchester v Crawley; Poole v Hounslow; Rumford v Bognor Regis (at Barking); Taunton v Salisbury; Tonbridge v Trowbridge; Waterlooville v Addlestone.

FA VASE: Fourth round replay: Alma Swanley v. Whyteleaf. Fifth round: Almondsbury Greenway v Rainham Town (2.15); Barton Rovers v Billericay Town (2.15); Burnham v Eastbourne United (2.30); Friar Lane OB v Haringey Borough (2.30).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Pangor City v Matlock; Barrow v South Liverpool; Buxton v Lancaster; Runsborough v Netherfield; Gainsboro v Mossley; Scarborough v Boston United; Stafford Rangers v Goole; Wigan Athletic v Great Harwood; Worksop v Rancorn.

Second division

Blackburn v Luton .....
Bolton v Sunderland .....
Brighton v Burnley .....
Bristol Rovers v Orient .....
Crystal Palace v Sheffield Utd ..
Mansfield v Cardiff .....
Notts Co v Fulham .....
Southampton v Millwall .....
Stoke v Hull City .....
Tottenham H v Blackpool .....

Fourth division

Aldershot v Darlington .....
Brentford v Doncaster .....
Hartlepool v Northampton .....
Newport v Rochdale (3.15) ....
Southport v Reading .....
Torquay v Crewe (7.30) .....
Watford v Barnsley .....
Wimbledon v Scunthorpe .....
Postponed: Grimsby v Swansea: Halifax v Bournemouth.

FA TROPHY: Second round: Tooting and Mitcham v Lancaster; Walthamstow Avenue v Chorley.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Alton Town v Kingsbury Town; Erith and Belvedere v Edgware; Redhill v Harefield United; Ruislip Manor v Leyton-Wingate; Uxbridge v Chertsey Town; Windsor and Eton v Grays Athletic.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Bishop Auckland v Billingham; Ashington v Tow Law; Horden v North Shields; Ferryhill v Penrith; Shildon v Crook; Willington v Consett; Whitby v South Bank.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Second round: Old Cholmeleians v Old Chigwellians (2.15).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton Athletic v Dagenham; Enfield v Southall & EB; Hayes v Barking; Leatherhead v Croydon; Slough Town v Hendon; Staines Town v Hitchin Town; Woking v Leytonstone.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (2.30): Old Carthusians v Old Reptonians; Old Etonian v Old Aldenhamians; Old Malvernians v Lancing OB; Old Wellingburians v Old Salopians.

Golf

Walton Heath v Cambridge University, Woking v Oxford University.

Cross-country

Men's area championships: Eastern (at Lincoln); Midlands (at West Bromwich), Southern (at Parliament Hill Fields).

Scottish premier division

Clydebank v Motherwell .....
Hibernian v Ayr .....

Postponed: Partick Th v Celtic; St Mirren v Aberdeen; Dundee United v Rangers.

Scottish first division

Hamilton v Alloa .....
Kilmarnock v Dumbarton .....
Montrose v Dundee .....
Morton v Hearts .....

Postponed: East Fife v Queen of South; St Johnstone v Airdrie; Stirling Albion v Arbroath.

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers v Dunfermline ....
Berwick v Brechin .....
E Stirling v Stenhousemuir ....
Falkirk v Meadowbank .....
Forfar v Stranraer .....

Postponed: Clyde v Raith Rovers; Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park.

Race walking

RAF v Sheffield (at RAF Finningley), GLC 10, miles (at Battersea Park); Steyning 10 miles.

Rackets

Amateur singles championships: Semi-final round (at Queen's Club, 10.30-12.00).

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Ramps rad; Blackheath v Reading; Bromley v Spencer; Cheam v Teddington; Dulwich v London University; Hawks v Slough; Maidenhead v Mid-Surrey; Purley v Hounslow; Southgate v Guildford; St Albans v Old Kingstonians, Tulse Hill v Wimbledon.
SOUTH LEAGUE: Regional matches.

OTHER MATCHES: Harpenden v Reds Eagles; RAF v Welwyn (at Vine Lane); Surbiton v Slough.

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Senior flags: Semi-final round: Cheadle v Urmston (at South Manchester and Wythenshawe); South Manchester and Wythenshawe v Stockport (at Cheadle).
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE (2.30) First division: Buckhurst Hill v Kenton; Lee v London University; Oxford University v Hampstead; Purley v Cambridge University.
WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT: All-England territorial reserves (at Cheltenham College, 11.30).

Rugby Union

Abertillery v Aberavon
Bath v Gloucester
Birkenhead Park v Halifax (2.30)
Bradford v Roundhay (2.30)
Bristol v Cardiff (3.15)
Cross Keys v Plymouth Albion (2.30)
Exeter v Weston-super-Mare (2.30)
Falmouth v Sidmouth
Fylde v Orrell (2.30)
Harrogate v Wakefield
Hartlepool Rovers v Huddersfield (2.30)
Liverpool v London Irish (2.30)
Llanelli v Harlequins
London Welsh v Bridgend (2.30)
Metropolitan Police v Mossley (2.30)
Morley v Broughton Park (2.30)
New Brighton v Northern (2.30)
Newport v Leicester (3.15)
Northampton v Moseley
Nottingham v Cheltenham
Oxford University v Trinity College, Dublin (2.30)
Penarth v Ebbw Vale
Pontypool v Newbridge
Richmond v Blackheath (3.15)
Rugby v Manchester (2.30)
Sheffield v Hull and ER (2.30)
Swansea v Neath
US Portsmouth v Saracens
Waterloo v Gosforth (2.45)
West Hartlepool v Percy Park (2.30)
Wilmslow v Birmingham (2.30)
Gala v Langholm (2.30)
Hawick v Highland (2.30)
Heriot's FP v Boroughmuir (2.30)
Jordanhill v Watsonians (2.30)
Melrose v Kilmarnock (2.30)
Stewarts Mel FP v W of Scotland (2.30)

Rugby League

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP: First round: Leeds v Halifax; York v Warrington.

Rowing

Hampton Head.

Tomorrow

Rugby Union

TOUR MATCH: Borough Road College v Parramatta (Sydney) (1.30).

Rugby League

CUP (first round): Bradford Northern v Barrow, Blackpool Borough v Huddersfield, Dewsbury v New Hunslet (3.30), Dewsbury Celtic v Wigan (at Bailey, 2.30), Hull v Hull Kingston Rovers, Leigh v Featherstone Rovers (3.30), Oldham v Doncaster (3.30), Pilkington Recs v Castleford (at St Helens), Swinton v Batley, Whitehaven v Wakefield Trinity, Widnes v Rochdale Hornets, Workington Town v Keighley; Salford v Bramley.

Hockey

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES (at Bisham Abbey): England XI v Berkshire (10.15), England XI v Surrey (11.30), England XI v Hertfordshire (3.30); at Aldershot: England U-21 XI v Hampshire I (3.15), England U-21 XI v Hampshire II (2.15).

LONDON LEAGUE: Guildford v Wimbledon.

OTHER MATCHES: Eastcote v RAF (Under-21), Old Kingstonians v RAF, Trojans v Cambridge University (at Cambridge), London Indians v Norfolk (at Luton).

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: East tournament (at Peterborough).

Lacrosse

SOUTHERN TROPHY (11.00): Buckhurst Hill v Barnet, Beckenham v Lee.

Golf

Addington v Cambridge University Outlaws, West Hill v Oxford University (at Brookwood).

Rackets

Amateur singles championships (at Queen's Club, 10.30).

Television highlights

BBC 1
Football: Preview (12.25).
Snooker: Masters tournament (1.0, 1.40 and 2.10).
Skiing: World Cup, Megève (1.20).
Table tennis: Chinese challenge match (1.55).
Athletics: GB v West Germany, Cosford (2.30, 3.30 and 4.30).
Yachting: Round the World race (3.20).
Rugby League: York v Warrington (3.50).
Football: Match of the Day (10.10).

BBC 2—tomorrow
Skiing: World Cup Chamonix (4.10).
Rugby Union: London Welsh v Bridgend (5.40).

IBA
Football: Preview (12.35).
Bobsleigh: World two-man championships (1.0).
Racing: Catterick Bridge races at 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45.
Motocross: Hadleigh meeting (3.10).
Wrestling: Aylesbury promotion (4.0).

IBA—tomorrow
Football: Big Match (2.15).



Fair weather and foul. Fair for the world title hope putting in an impatient sprint at Lake Placid, New York; foul for the workman who had to get his skates on in unplacid conditions to see this new Olympic oval in shape by today. And foul, of course, for those Britons whose football has had to be put on ice again this weekend.

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Zealand find the going hard

In Woodcock
Correspondent
on, Feb 10

second verture as England captain Boycott put New Zealand to bat in the first Test here today, a tactic as often by anxiety as n. At close of play New were 152 for three and f not vindicated, had not rounded either.

xiety, if it was there, e come, hardly surprisom England's batting this present tour; the n would have sprung moisture that was still pitch from its preparahe event, it probably was day for bowling than hich is not saying much. north wind swept the ampering batsmen, unbowlers and blowing he fielders' eyes. That and got through it withmore than three wickets mainly to Wright, who, ened the innings, was at the end of the day. as slow a day's play as ne in Pakistan, it was rely different kind from ose. Today there were overs of spin, all from The faster bowlers were e for the other 57, Hendrick and Botham wind, and Old up it—vhole of the afternoon rst hour of the evening. ay have been dull, but re variety than this.

warmer there too. sides being so blustery, and cool, and damp this evening for 20 be lost. Given a pitch life to bowl on, Willis rst spell underpitched. not to have Wright, caught at the wicket rst ball of the match, once bounced two balls Taylor's head for four lor, in fact, spent a lot st hour hurling himself ke a goalkeeper under cept wicket as skilfully e faster bowling today against the spinners in heroic in the way he battled into the wind. Hats had to be held on and hails were blown off, which will give an idea of how strong it was. Bowling down it this morning Old gave away 21 runs in three overs, for the wicket of the burly Anderson, caught at the wicket trying to cut after playing more freely than anyone else in the day. This afternoon Old had 11 more eight ball overs for 13 runs and the wicket of Howarth, caught at cover point off the outside edge as he made to force a ball to leg.

Old bowled as though determined not to be dropped again, as he was in Pakistan. The last time England put the opposition in—against Australia at Edgbaston in 1975, when Denness did it—Old was the bowler then too who was given most of the upwind work to do. Irritatingly vulnerable at times, he shows splendid stamina at others.

Wright is one of four of the present Derbyshire side playing in the match. A left-hander, he is winning his first cap, and he batted with great determination, much as Mudassar Nazar did when he saw through the first day of the first Test in Lahore two months ago on his way to the slowest hundred in Test history. Wright, today spent two minutes longer reching his 50 than Mudassar did then; but it was not easy this morning even to survive, and it was never easy to score. Wright is a good judge of what and what not to play, and he looks to have a phlegmatic temperament, being outwardly unperturbed by Willis's shorter stuff, and he plays straight. His, in all the circumstances, was a good innings for New Zealand.

The hourly scoring rate shows how New Zealand found the going harder the longer the day lasted. They made 43 in the first hour, 31 in the second, 27 in the third, 18 in the fourth and only 17 in the fifth. After that there were interruptions. Towards the end of the fourth hour they lost Burgess, their new captain, bowled by a nasty ball from Willis that cut back off the pitch. Whereafter Congdon, who will be 40 tomorrow, and Wright hung grimly on. When he was 27 Wright could have been caught at second slip by Roope off Old. Roope, diving to his left, got two hands to the ball but dropped it. As with everything else today, though the wind can have made catching no easier.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

R. W. Anderson, c Taylor, b Old	28
J. G. Wright, not out	55
C. P. Howarth, c Botham b Old	13
*M. G. Burgess b Willis	9
B. E. Congdon, not out	26
Extras (b 11, l-b-w 2, n-b 8)	21
Total (3 wkts)	152

To bat: J. Parker, W. Lees, R. Hadlee, D. Hadlee R. Collinge, S. Boock.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—42, 2—86, 3—114.

BOWLING. Willis: 15—4—25—1; Hendrick, 14—2—37—0; Old, 21—6—43—2; Edmonds, 3—1—7—0; Botham, 7.3—0—19—0.

ENGLAND: *G. Boycott, B. C. Rose D. W. Randall, G. R. J. Roope, G. Miller, I. T. Botham, C. Old, †R. W. Taylor, P. H. Edmonds, M. Hendrick, R. G. D. Willis.



A bouncer from Willis has Wright ducking and Taylor diving to save four byes.

appell puts his side's interests first

ne, Feb 10.—Greg had the chance to make t score of his career on l day of the final World cket match between an XI and a World XI. But he put his side's before personal glory. happell declared the XI innings closed at lx to give his bowlers te workout before the was unbeaten on 246 short of his previous against New Zealand

's hopes of making ads into the World XI wever, came to nought. Greenidge and Barry ere far from overawed e Australian score and of play had put on 58 first wicket, Greenidge eight boundaries in his

Chappell had been two big partnerships as the Australians made light of a depleted attack. The World XI were without the West Indian fast bowlers, Roberts and Daniel, both injured on the opening day.

Chappell's second-wicket stand, which was begun yesterday with McCosker, realized 219 runs, and it took a spectacular catch in the gully by Vivian Richards to remove McCosker for 129.

Australia's three hundred had come up in 346 minutes with McCosker and Chappell holding down the World attack. Tony Greig, dearly wishing that the left arm off-spin bowler, Underwood, was not twelfth man, had tried desperately to break the Australian second-wicket stand. He brought in Asif Iqbal and then Vivian Richards to bowl a couple of overs.

But Chappell and McCosker continued to flay the bowling. At 348 Greig gave the new ball to Garner and eight runs later it brought the break-through the Rest of the World had been hoping for. McCosker was out. He scored his 129 in 395 minutes with six fours off 312 balls and the partnership of 219 with Chappell (130) was scored in only 232 minutes.

Edwards fell to Imran Khan when he was caught by Zaheer Abbas for a duck. But this proved only a brief respite for the bowlers.

Chappell was joined by Hookes and they hammered 152 runs in only 83 minutes. Hookes was finally caught in the deep off Greig for 57. Though Chappell just failed to beat his highest score, his 246 not out was the best so far in World Series Cricket. The previous best was Barry Richards's 207 against the Australians in Perth.

AUSTRALIA XI: First Innings

I. C. Davis, l-b-w, b Garner	84
R. B. McCosker, c Richards, b Imran Khan	129
*G. S. Chappell, not out	246
R. Edwards, c Zaheer Abbas, b Imran Khan	0
D. W. Hookes, c Asif Iqbal, b Greig	57
†R. W. Marsh, c Knott, b Greig	6
R. Robinson, c Knott, b Imran Khan	2
Extras (n-b 3, l-b 12)	15
Total (6 wkts dec)	538

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—137, 2—356, 3—364, 4—517 5—535, 6—538.

BOWLING: Roberts, 5—13—0—0. Imran Khan, 21.3—1—134—3; Garner, 37—0—134—1; Daniel, 7—0—30—0; Greig, 25—1—124—2; Asif Iqbal, 14—1—77—0; Richards, 2—0—11—0.

WORLD XI: First Innings

C. G. Greenidge, not out	38
B. A. Richards, not out	17
Extras (n-b 3)	3
Total (no wkt)	58

I. V. A. Richards, Zaheer Abbas, *A. W. Greig, Asiq Iqbal, Imran Khan, A. M. E. Roberts, J. Garner, W. Daniel, †A. P. E. Knott to bat.

BOWLING (to date): Lillee, 5—0—28—0; Pascoe, 3—0—19—0; Walker, 1—0—8—0.—Reuter.

BRISBANE: Sheffield Shield: Western Australia, 220 for 7 (R. Charlesworth 95); v Queensland.

ADELAIDE: Sheffield Shield: Victoria, 338 for 5 (J. Moss 111, J. Wiener 65); v South Australia.

PORT OF SPAIN (Shell Shield): Jamaica, 171 (R. Austin 88, R. Nanan 6 for 54); Trinidad, 79 for 1.

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the title-holders. ree crucial tie-breaks the 1976 champions. to win by 2—1 on night at Uppsala the play-offs to decide the n winner of the King's series.

first match, Sweden's Tenny Svensson easily he left-handed Humer Szoeke, 6—2, 6—4. the Hungarian star, roczy, won two tieinst Ove Bengtson to —6, 7—6, and in the oubles match Taroczy e won the first set nsson and Bengtson on -break and triumped

early yesterday West at Austria, 3—0 in the their play-off to decide fourth places. Peter Peter Feigl, 6—7, 6—4.

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ell in the second set of against France's Eric Although handicapped set 6—4, but narrowly inch the match which he Frenchman, 6—4. An off-form Javier so match for Francois sing 6—1, 6—3. Spain's enez was the hero of s which the Spanish —3, 4—6, 11—9 after last set.—Reuter.

Six times more money for men than for women

The British Women's Tennis Association have been saddened, rather than angered, by the news that when the British hard court championships are revived at Bournemouth in September, competitors in the men's grand priv event will be playing for almost six times as much prize money as the women. The men's prize fund will be about £25,500 but the women will be lucky to have £4,500 in the kitty. The BWTA have never advocated equal pay but are distrubed by the huge discrepancy that has arisen at national championships which have often been grateful for the relative strength of the women's draw.

The BWTA vice-chairman and treasurer, Sue Livingston and Winnie Wooldridge respectively, are sympathetic with the plight of the sponsors and organizers and are aware that, even with increased prize money, the championships would be unlikely to attract leading women. "I find it sad that there is this sort of discrepancy and that there is not going to be a better class of tournament", said Miss Livingston. "But at one stage it seemed that there wasn't goin gto be a ladies event at all. I have a certain amount of sympathy with the sponsors in that more prize money can hardly be pustified at this time of year—I'm not sure what quality of draw it would get."

Mrs Wooldridge pointed out that in September the leading women would be playing in America. "I do see the sponsors' point of view. It's very hard if they put up a lot of money and nobody comes. There are enough men for various circuits. At that time of year there is a European circuit for men so they will be in Europe anway. But the women would not come over for a one-off situation". A decent entry could only be attracted to Bournemouth, she added, if the championships formed part of a series of European tournaments for women.

In short the BWTA are reluctantly accepting a situation that, at least in 1978, seems inevitable. Last year the championships lost their former sponsors (equality of the field aws not matching the increases in prize money) and there was no tournament. This year the shift from May to September was forced on Bournemouth by the men's international council, who run the grand prix—a lusty giant with little tolerance for traditional tournaments that cannot come up with the kind of prize money, players and their agents currently demand.

Golf

MANILA: 140, M. Slodina (Philippines) 73, 67; 141, Ho Ming-Chung (Taiwan), 69, 72; J. Arosa, Jr (Philippines), 72, 69; 142, W. Sanders (US), 73, 68; 143, R. Lavares (Philippines), 70, 73; Hsu Chi-San (Taiwan), 73, 70; 144, G. Nadales (Philippines), 71, 73; E. Nival (Philippines), 71, 73; S. Cuenca (Philippines), 70, 74; Lu Hsi-Chuen (Taiwan), 71, 73; Kurt Cox (US), 72, 72; B. Jones (Australia), 74, 70.

Table tennis

SZOLNOK (Hungary): European League: Hungary beat England 5—2. Results (Hungarian names first): Jonyer beat N. Jarvis 23—21, 21—16; G. Gergely beat D. Douglas 21—14, 25—21; Olah beat Miss L. Howard 21—14, 21—18; Jonyer lost to Douglas 17—21, 10—21; Gergely beat Jarvis 21—14, 17—21, 21—16; Jonyer and T. Klampar beat Douglas and Jarvis 21—6, 24—26, 21—14; K'ampar and Miss G. Szabo lost to Douglas and Miss L. Howard 22—20, 10—21, 15—21.

US tell S Africa to withdraw from Davis Cup

New York, Feb 9.—The President of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) said today that South Africa should withdraw from the Davis Cup because it had disrupted the international tennis competition.

"We feel South Africa should withdraw from Davis Cup and Federation Cup competition", the persident, W. E. Hester said in Jackson, Mississippi. "We feel they should withdraw because of the disruption they have caused to the play of Federation Cup and Davis Cup teams."

The United States is due to play South Africa in a Davis Cup match starting on March 15 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The USTA headquarters here has received a number of requests, mainly from domestic groups, urging that the United States refuse to play South Africa because of its apartheid policies.—Reuter.

Mr Hester said the United States would play the match. "We do not feel that a Davis Cup match between the United States and South Africa will lessen to any extent the apartheid movement of South Africa. He said it was against USTA policy to allow national or international politics to interfere with matches involving the United States.

"We didn't invite South Africa to play in the United States", he said. "They were placed in the North American draw of Davis Cup international nations." The only way the United States could comply with the request by the South African group would be to default, Mr Hester said. Such an action, he said, would bar the United States from Davis Cup play for three years.—Reuter.

e force winds hold up
ld Cup downhill

, Feb 10.—Organisers today's men's World ll race here because orce winds sweeping ourse high up on Mont y were meeting later gether to hold the race r Sunday or to cancel

erman, head coach of States women's ski ed yesterday after the in the European sec-World Cup. No reasons for the resignation but er, director of the es team, said "We is coming for several

l rather not say anyit until we know what ng to do about it in ks", Mr Tauber said. ican women's team girls among the top orld Cup giant slalom esterday and are now the United States for and to prepare for Cup races scheduled Vermont, and Water-New Hampshire, next Bowerman was not comment as he left after the races, presumably to go to his home in Wenatchee, Washington.

Other United States team officials also declined to comment on Mr Bowerman's resignation but other sources said Mr Bowerman left because of personal conflicts with Mr Tauber. Mr Bowerman had been head coach of the American women skiers for the past two years. He is a graduate of the Oregon University and the French National Ski School and founder of the Mission Ridge Ski Training Academy in Wenatchee.

Mr Bowerman had trained the American girls for the 1976 Winter Olympics at Innsbruck and for last week's world championships in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The American skiers achieved only mediocre results and Cindy Nelson of Lutsen, Minnesota, held the top American place in the World Cup in tenth place without any hope of achieving top honours this year.

"A lot of girls might have problems with John's approach", said Christine Cooper, of Sun Valley, the American women's slalom champion. "He's so frank and straightforward in the way he coaches and in the way he handles you off the hill too. I think it's good in an honest way."

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) —	°C
Davos	90	180	Good	Varied	Fair	Fair	-3
Good skiing everywhere							
Flaine	160	250	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	0
New snow on good base							
Grindelwald	125	175	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-5
Powder on good base							
Kitzbühel	40	100	Fair	Powder	Fair	Cloud	4
Weather still very unsettled							
Lermoos	75	195	Good	Powder	Good	Cloud	1
Some bare patches							
Saas-Fee	95	210	Good	Varied	Good	Snow	-8
Few lifts open, high winds							
Seefeld	60	95	Fair	Powder	Good	Cloud	-3
Worn patches on upper slopes							
Val d'Isère	200	380	Good	Powder	Good	Cloud	-4
Windblown powder							
Verbier	110	210	Good	Powder	Good	Cloud	3
Excellent skiing everywhere							
Wengen	95	150	Good	Powder	Good	Cloud	-2
Upper slopes windswept							
Zermatt	150	235	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-5
Good snow and sun but windy.							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain. L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather —	°C
NORWAY					
Finse	135	145	Good	—	-30
Geilo	100	115	Good	—	-19
Gol	50	70	Good	—	-29
Lillehammer	80	120	Good	—	-20
Norefjell	115	150	Good	—	-13
Oslo	110	115	Good	—	-14
Rjukan	100	120	Good	—	-25
Voss	100	120	Good	—	-12
SPAIN					
Baqueira-Beret	135	270	Good	Cloud	-3
Cerler	50	80	Good	Cloud	-3
La Molina	20	35	Good	Cloud	-1
La Tuca	130	250	Good	Cloud	-1
Llessui	55	100	Good	Snow	-5
Masella	30	40	Good	Cloud	-3
San Isidro	50	150	Icy	Snow	-2
Solynieve	35	170	Good	Snow	—

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: Main runs and lower slopes complete. New snow on a hard base: Vertical runs: 1,800ft: Access roads: slight snow: Snow level: 1,000ft. Glenshee: Main runs complete. New snow on a firm base: Lower slopes: ample nursery areas: New snow on a firm base: Vertical runs: 1,000ft: Access roads: slight snow: Snow level: 2,000ft. Glencoe: Main runs and lower slopes complete. Hard packed snow (top tow not operating): Vertical runs: 1,700ft: Access roads: clear: Snow level: 1,100ft.

Racing

Chepstow marathon to suit Rambling Jack

By Michael Seely

Gay Spartan will not run in the Welsh Grand National, sponsored by Joe Coral, at Chepstow next Saturday. Provided that the ground is soft at Cheltenham, Tony Dickinson's front-running seven-year-old will take on Fort Devon and Midnight Court in the Gold Cup.

Gay Spartan's immediate objective is the Trout Steeplechase at Newcastle on Friday. If he were to succeed in defying 12 st in this valuable limited handicap run over two and a half miles, Gay Spartan's price of 20-1 for the blue riband of steeplechasing would no longer be available.

As his jockey, Michael Dickinson, put it yesterday: "To try and carry the same weight over three miles six furlongs at Chepstow would be an entirely different matter and the surest possible way of kissing goodbye to whatever chance we have at Cheltenham."

Gay Spartan must be considered a good outsider for the Gold Cup. After all, in heavy ground at Cheltenham last year he gave a handsome beating to Billycan and The Last Light in the Sun Alliance Steeplechase. And his recent defeat of Master H in the Tote Northern Steeplechase at Haydock Park has been given a boost by Master H who beat last year's Gold Cup second, Tied Cottage, at Sandown Park. Gay Spartan's performance at Haydock was also far more impressive than it seems on paper, as the winner disliked the conditions underfoot, and showed none of his usual sparkle at his fences.

Prospective backers of Gay Spartan should be warned, however, that he might not be in the lineup if the going becomes firm. But if similar conditions prevail at Cheltenham again next month, Gay Spartan's bottomless stamina and courage will stand him in good stead.

Of more immediate interest is that the 6-1 on offer with the sponsors against Rambling Jack for the Welsh race looks good value. Rhona Oliver said yesterday that Major Hubert Baillie's seven-year-old is a certain starter in the Chepstow marathon.

Rambling Jack has shown his rivals a clean pair of heels in three races this season and cannot be considered harshly treated with 10 st 8 lb. Oliver thinks so highly of this progressive young steeplechaser that the Hawick trainer has entered Rambling Jack in the Gold Cup. If he wins in style next Saturday, he might be allowed to take his chance.

With the abandonment of Newbury and Wolverhampton yesterday, Catterick Bridge is the only meeting that can take place in Great Britain today. The stewards will inspect the course at 7.30 am but prospects must be remote. Apparently there was no snow on the course yesterday and by mid-afternoon it had thawed enough to make the postponement of their decision a worthwhile risk. However by 5.30 in the evening snow was falling heavily so the result of this morning's inspection should be a foregone conclusion.

If a miracle takes place the Dickinsons can provide the best-wager of the afternoon with Ocean Voyage in the Scorton Novices Steeplechase. Ocean Voyage was well backed to beat Janstewer at Huntingdon, but fell at the second fence.

He was withdrawn only at the last minute because of heavy ground from the race won by Space Project at Sandown. If this shrewd stable holds such a high opinion of the gelding, Ocean Voyage should be more than capable of coping with such as Lord Greystoke and Brother Will today.

STATE OF GOING, official: Catterick Bridge: Soft (7.30 am inspection). Monday: Teesside Park: Heavy. Wolverhampton: Unavailable (frozen ground). Inspection tomorrow.

Atlantic crossing ruined by Arctic persistence

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

There was no racing in England yesterday because of frost and there will be none this afternoon unless the stewards at Catterick Bridge give the go-ahead this morning for today's meeting. Any hope that today's meetings at Newbury and Wolverhampton would take place shrivelled in the cold yesterday as the near Arctic temperatures persisted.

The loss of this card at Newbury is unfortunate because "Schweppesday" as it is now known, is an important occasion in the National Hunt calender. Frank Osgood, the man who masterminded the affairs at Newbury, told me yesterday that although the Levy Board would compensate the course for the loss of the meeting with a sum of £2,250 his company would still be out of pocket.

Bad weather has snuffed out the Schweppes programme three times in the past 10 years and it has now become far too expensive to insure against its loss. I made my way to Lambourn yesterday where I met two of the country's most experienced and able trainers, Fulke Walwyn and Fred Winter, friends of old, neighbours of old but rivals of new. Walwyn said that though he was sad at not being able to run Fort Devon in the Compton Steeplechase at Newbury today the people he really felt sorry for were the owners, Mr and Mrs Charles Bird, who had flown the Atlantic yesterday especially to see Fort Devon run.

Walwyn was able to reassure them that Fort Devon was in excellent fettle and that he is now likely to try to win the Jim Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton on February 23 before he makes his way to Cheltenham for his clash with Midnight Court, whom he was due to meet in the Compton Steeplechase today.

Midnight Court's trainer, Winter, seemed to be a trifle relieved that the big clash for today had been avoided. "I think that my horse would have won today", he said, "but with Cheltenham in mind it was probably just as well that the two horses did not meet, and obviously the Gold Cup, which will be run over a different course, a different distance, and probably a different pace, will be an altogether different question." While Walwyn has Wincanton in mind as Fort Devon's stepping stone to Cheltenham, Winter is more open-minded as far as Midnight Court is concerned.

I did gather that Winter had entered Midnight Court for races at Windsor and Wincanton towards the end of this month and for another at Hereford early in March.

Catterick Bridge programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.45 BROUGH HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £541: 2m)

1 0-44102 Royaldieu, A. Corner, 6-11-13 .... G. Holmes
4 00 Cool Siloam, K. Tuer, 6-11-3 .... D. Munro
5 — Count Ten, P. Burke, 6-11-3 .... K. Gray
6 — Donetop Spirit, F. Musgrave, 6-11-3 .... Mr F. Musgrave 7
7 0000 Festival Hall, D. Sasse, 5-11-1 .... M. Floyd
9 Johnny Tarquin, G. Richards, 6-11-1 .... R. Barry
10 Pleader, R. Fisher, 6-11-1 .... J. Errington 7
11 Uncle Jack, S. Nesbitt, 6-11-1 .... B. Sayles 7
14 41 Lord Melbourne, Miss J. Bell, 4-10-10 .... P. Mangan
16 00 Chief Whip, Lady Herries, 4-10-0 .... D. Atkins
17 Marren Dene, W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-0 .... A. Fletcher 7
18 0020 Melperion, T. Fairhurst, 4-10-0 .... C. Fairhurst 5
19 00 Mr Higgins, K. Mitchard, 4-10-0 .... S. Charlton 3
20 Native Surprise, M. Ryan, 4-10-0 .... A. Coogan 7
21 Nordic Maid, J. Bingham, 4-10-0 .... J. Pearce
22 0o0 Norgili, N. Chamberlain, 4-10-0 .... B. Ashbridge 7
23 p0 Quite Soon, C. Lamb, 4-10-0 .... R. Lamb
24 20f020 Royal Audition, C. Dingwall, 4-10-0 .... J. J. O'Neill
26 *Sorceress, W. Haigh, 4-10-0 .... —
27 0 Starlight Lad, R. Bethell, 4-10-0 .... M. Lowry
28 Sweet Pretender, R. D. Peacock, 4-10-0 .... C. Hawkins
29 00000 Tartan River, W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-0 .... G. Faulkner

3-1 Royal Audition, 4-1 Royaldieu, 5-1 Lord Melbourne, 6-1 Johnny Tarquin, 8-1 Melperion, 10-1 Starlight Lad, Tartan River, 12-1 Festival Hall, 16-1 others.

2.15 ASKE HURDLE (Handicap: £865: 2m)

202 11-3p Burcom Buoy (D), M. Camacho, 5-11-12 .... Mr D. Oldham 7
203 0311 Siobara (C-D), W. Haigh, 8-11-11 .... P. A. Charlton
204 f0112 Majetta Crescent (D), G. Richards, 5-11-10 .... D. Goulding
205 23001-0 Flipper (D), J. Bingham, 9-11-7 .... —
206 3000-40 Golden End (C-D), R. Cross, 7-11-5 .... S. Charlton 3
208 103040 Mr. Resistor (D), T. Barron, 5-10-12 .... K. Gray
209 204200 Meldrette (D), L. Griffiths, 7-10-10 .... A. Dickman
210 00p0-00 Naivasha (C-D), A. Potts, 6-10-9 .... D. Atkins
212 1p-0p3 Paradise Flight, M. Chapman, 10-10-0 .... J. Kerby 7
213 02f40f- Coleraine, S. Nesbitt, 8-10-0 .... J. J. O'Neill
214 020 Bells Lad, E. Carter, 8-10-0 .... —

5-2 Majetta Crescent, 3-1 Siobara, 5-1 Burcom Buoy, 8-1 Meldrette, 10-1 Flipper, Golden End, 12-1 Naivasha, Paradise Flight, 16-1 others.

2.45 CATTERICK GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,148: 3½m)

301 11-2419 Set Point (C), Lady Herries, 10-11-7 .... D. Munro
302 0f-3 Rag Trade (D), G. Fairbairn, 12-11-5 .... J. J. O'Neill
303 0-43303 Current Gold (C), G. Richards, 7-11-5 .... D. Goulding
304 4222u3 Irish Tony (D), N. Crump, 10-10-9 .... D. Atkins
306 3-01312 *Rambling Artist, T. Gillam, 8-10-8 .... —
308 222-300 Roystar, Miss J. Bell, 8-10-2 .... P. Mangan
311 040233 Scorton Boy, Denys Smith, 9-10-0 .... A. Dickman
313 22-1234 Willow Walk, J. Calvert, 8-10-0 .... N. Tinkler
319 r0-pp40 Foresail, M. Chapman, 11-10-0 .... J. Kerby 7

11-4 Rag Trade, 7-2 Current Gold, 9-2 Irish Tony, 6-1 Set Point, 8-1 Scorton Boy, 10-1 Roystar, 12-1 Willow Walk, 33-1 Foresail.

3.15 NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £426: 3m 300yd)

401 10132- Byzantium (C-D), W. A. Stephenson, 8-12-7 .... Mr J. Newton
402 f021- Lady Annapurna (C-D), A. Johnson, 11-12-7 .... Mr G. Halder 7
403 f44000- Morning Bloom, F. Watson, 11-12-7 .... Mr F. Watson 7
406 213330- King Bee, W. Reed, 8-12-4 .... Mr W. Brown 7
407 Admiral Wolf, R. Nixon, 7-12-0 .... Mr A. Balmer 7
408 Harry Hillis, W. A. Stephenson, 6-12-0 .... Mr P. Greenall
409 Lacedaemon, R. Bethell, 9-12-0 .... Mr W. Bethell 7
410 33032b- Snow River, R. Brewis, 7-12-0 .... Mr J. Walton
411 *Southwind Sarah, K. Stringer, 9-12-0 .... —

6-4 Byzantium, 7-2 Lady Annapurna, 5-1 Harry Hillis, 6-1 Snow River, 8-1 King Bee, 10-1 Morning Bloom, 20-1 others.

3.45 SCORTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £788: 2m)

501 332144 Brother Will (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-12-3 .... G. Faulkner
505 008134 Irish Quicksteps (D), S. Nesbitt, 8-11-9 .... K. Gray
506 203010 Lord Greystoke, G. Richards, 7-11-9 .... D. Goulding
509 00f000 Another Morley, D. Yeoman, 6-11-2 .... Mr S. Kettlewell 7
514 0002f Couteau, M. Ryan, 7-11-2 .... R. Mann
515 0f000-2 Doctor Win, F. Dever, 6-11-2 .... Mr A. Fowler 7
517 020-4f2 Guilsborough Grey, Miss J. Bell, 6-11-2 .... P. Mangan
518 0f-3040 Happy Call, A. Potts, 7-11-2 .... —
519 .00-2 Kruganko, N. Crump, 7-11-2 .... D. Atkins
531 0f0 Ocean Voyage, A. Dickinson, 6-11-2 .... M. Floyd
533 Quoteezer, H. Wharton, 8-11-2 .... D. Greaves
534 Red Herring, C. Lamb, 9-11-2 .... R. Lamb
535 040-300 Roast Chestnut, S. Palmer, 8-11-2 .... M. Lowry 5
536 044pp0 Royal Ring II, M. Chapman, 10-11-2 .... J. Kerby 7
537 40-0030 Sionnaigh Beatilina VI, G. Fairbairn, 7-11-2 .... J. J. O'Neill
538 0f3030 Villiage Dusky, Denys Smith, 6-11-2 .... A. Dickman
539 0f0030 Kwiredell, J. Fitzgerald, 5-10-7 .... P. A. Charlton
550 0-00300 Maltese Lace, Mrs Z. Cundall, 5-10-7 .... Mr C. Cundall 5

6-4 Ocean Voyage, 7-2 Lord Greystoke, 4-1 Brother Will, 6-1 Couteau, 10-1 Guilsborough Grey, Irish Quicksteps, 12-1 Doctor Win, 16-1 others.

4.15 BROUGH HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £548: 2m)

602 212f03 Kelloe Brig, K. Tuer, 6-11-13 .... R. Barry
603 434b41 Mercedam, M. Chapman, 5-11-11 .... J. Kerby 7
604 Curlow Abbey, T. Cilliam, 8-11-3 .... C. Mann 7
608 00 Riesling, J. Skilling, 6-11-3 .... M. Huscroft 7
609 000-040 Sole Sam, R. Brewis, 6-11-3 .... P. Mangan
610 02 Vidkun, R. Fisher, 6-11-3 .... J. Errington 7
611 Alpro, A. Smith, 5-11-1 .... C. Tinkler
612 Aivage, R. Johnson, 5-11-1 .... B. Ellison 7
613 0 Elvine Fable, A. Smith, 5-11-1 .... N. Tinkler
614 000030 Hermits Delight, R. Bethell, 5-11-1 .... —
615 323102 Likely Boy (C-D), D. Yeoman, 5-11-1 .... A. Brown 5
618 00 Whitgee, S. Nattrise, 5-11-1 .... D. Atkins
619 Young Sagert, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-1 .... A. Fletcher 7
620 002221 Habbersupreme, E. Carter, 4-10-10 .... M. Lowry
621 01003 Lez (D), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-10 .... G. Faulkner
624 Culloden King, W. Elsey, 4-10-0 .... G. Holmes
626 La Conistrano, H. Wharton, 4-10-0 .... S. Charlton 3
627 00 Lord of Misrule, C. Dingwall, 4-10-0 .... —
628 0000 Minny Mouse, P. Courage, 4-10-0 .... M. Barnes
629 Spare a Dime, M. H. Easterby, 4-10-0 .... J. J. O'Neill
630 040 Treasure Island, J. Turner, 4-10-0 .... K. McCauley
631 Val Man, G. Richards, 4-10-0 .... D. Goulding

4-1 Kelloe Brig, 9-2 Spare a Dime, 5-1 Habbersupreme, 6-1 Mercedam, 8-1 Val Man, 10-1 La Conistrano, Lez, 12-1 Culloden King, 14-1 Likely Boy, Vidkun, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Catterick Bridge selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.45 Lord Melbourne. 2.15 Majetta Crescent. 2.45 Set Point. 3.15 Byzantian. 3.45 OCEAN VOYAGE is specially recommended. 4.15 Lord of Misrule.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 Native Surprise. 3.45 Couteau.

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Queen's Bench Division

National Front man fails to get relief from prosecution

In re Perry and Another

Before Mr Justice Donaldson

His Lordship held that the admitted offence of Mr Frank Charles Berry, chairman of Tower Hamlets branch of the National Front who was a candidate in the local government elections last year, in neglecting to have printed on the face of election leaflets the names and addresses of the printer and publisher as required under section 95(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1949, was not committed inadvertently or in good faith.

His application for relief under section 145 of the Act from liability to prosecution for his offence was refused. A similar application for relief was granted to Miss Beverley Joanne Matthews, Mr Berry's agent in the 1977 local government elections.

Section 95 provides: "(1) a person shall not print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, any bill, placard or poster having reference to an election or any printed document distributed for the purpose of promoting or procuring the election of a candidate, or . . . (c) distribute or cause to be distributed any printed document for the said purpose, unless the bill, placard, poster or document bears upon the face thereof the name and address of the printer and publisher . . . (3) A candidate or election agent acting in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an illegal practice. . . ."

Section 145 provides: "(1) An application for relief under this section may be made to the High Court . . . (2) If it is shown to the court by such evidence as the court seems sufficient . . . (b) that the act or omission arose from inadvertence . . . or from some other reasonable cause of a like nature, and in any case did not arise from any want of good faith. . . ."

Mr Nicholas Fridd for Mr Berry and Miss Matthews; Mr Colin Nicholls for the Director of Public Prosecutions.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Mr Berry was a candidate in the local government election for Poplar South ward in March, 1977. Miss Matthews was his agent. Mr Berry caused three types of leaflet to be printed by a commercial printer without bearing on their face the printer's name and address. One type of leaflet had the original description of printer, and publisher cut off and before distribution it was rubber-stamped "P and P by Beverley Matthews, 25 Violet Road, E3". That was inaccurate because it was printed by the commercial printer. Both Mr Berry and Miss Matthews admitted offences under section 95 of the Representation of the People Acts Mr Berry in that be caused the leaflets to be printed without the accurate names and addresses of the printer and publisher, and Miss Matthews in that she caused distribution of the leaflets.

All forms of documents of that type must bear the names and addresses of the printer and publisher. If one person printed and another published there must be two names with their respective addresses. No doubt the agent would usually be the publisher, but that was not always necessarily so; it might be the candidate. The name of the person who authorized the distribution must appear on the document as publisher. Printing included duplication. It was not the individual printer whose name must appear, but the name of the person in charge of the printing. In the case of a commercial firm it was the name of the firm; in the case of a voluntary helper it was the name of the person in charge.

It was an offence to print a bill, placard, or poster unless it had on its face the address of the printer and publisher. It was not in compliance with the section to have leaflets printed and then to rubber-stamp them. His Lordship had grave doubts whether the use of the abbreviation "P and P" was acceptable. The purpose of the law must be to convey to an ordinary person that the name and address were those of the printer and publisher, and which was which. "P and P", did not achieve that object.

Commission of an offence under section 95 was a serious matter and the offender was guilt of illegal election practice. The operation of parliamentary democracy depended on strict observance of the rules laid down by Parliament. If someone was convicted of such an offence they suffered the considerable penalty of being deprived of their right to be on the election register.

In deciding whether to accede to the two applications his Lordship had to consider whether the offences arose through inadvertence and whether there was a want of good faith. The overriding factor was whether it would be just that either Mr Berry or Miss Matthews should be relieved of the consequences of their admitted offences under section 95.

The name of the party was irrelevant in that the law applied to any party however large or small. Mr Berry had been an agent in the general election in 1974 and had then been warned with regard to alleged offences of failing to declare election expenses. He was a candidate in local elections in 1975, and was then warned for allegedly not declaring his agency expenses. He was told that if he was involved in any further alleged offence regarding election expenses it would lead to prosecution.

Mr Berry said that his error in the present case was committed in innocence and he had followed the rubric on leaflets put out by other parties, the large parties with professional organizations. He thought that if he did what the major parties did he could not go wrong, and that the purpose of section 95 was to enable one to find out about the expense of printing and publishing, and also who was responsible for sedition. He could not see anything wrong with his leaflets.

The Director of Public Prosecutions had investigated every case of apparent breach of the section by other parties on which Mr Berry relied. In the case of one small party there had been a prima facie breach in a later election, and the person responsible had been warned. In all other cases the same person had printed and published so that the name and address on the leaflet was correct. Mr Berry said that he was not to know that was the case, and his Lordship accepted that, though he might have known if he had thought, because the leaflets were obviously not the product of a professional printer.

Mr Berry and Miss Matthews said they knew nothing about having committed an offence at all until interviewed by the police in September, 1977. Clearly they must have learnt then that they had committed an offence. In November Mr Berry was served with a summons. It was clear from what he said to the police that he had been in touch with a solicitor before, though not in the context of the present case. The present proceedings were not launched until January 25, 1978.

Miss Matthews was careless. An agent's responsibility was heavy. Candidates had many things on their minds and automatically left it to agents to make sure that certain administrative work was done well and in accordance with the law. She should have found out what the law was. She was a member of a small party with few resources and was an amateur, but she was just as much bound by the law as a professional agent. A professional agent would have less excuse, however, than an amateur. She said she had relied on Mr Berry's experience. That was no excuse, but it was not unreasonable as he had been an agent and candidate before.

The granting of relief was by no means automatic. In the case of Miss Matthews his Lordship was satisfied that the offence was committed due to inadvertence and in good faith, and it was just that she should be relieved of the consequences.

Mr Berry must bear the principal responsibility. He had instructed the printer. It was the third election in which it was alleged that he had committed election offences. He came to court and said his conduct was due to inadvertence, and that he had acted in good faith, but his affidavit was less than frank. He said that the commission of the offence was brought to his notice on service of the summons on November 24. It was also brought to his notice on many other occasions, but his affidavit was intended to imply that it was brought to his notice for the first time on November 24. He said that be only learnt on December 13 that he could apply for relief. That was surprising seeing he had already been in receipt of legal advice. His Lordship was far from satisfied that there was inadvertence on the part of Mr Berry, bearing in mind that it was the third occasion on which he had allegedly been involved in illegal election practices.

Although he admitted the offence, it was for the magistrates to decide whether it was an offence, and it was a matter for the magistrates, and not for his Lordship, to decide the penalty if they found him guilty.

Miss Matthews's application should succeed and Mr Berry's application was dismissed.

Solicitors: Reed-Herbert, Gegan & Co, Leicester; DPP.

Arbitration: appeal procedure criticized

Logs and Timber Products (Singapore) Pte Ltd v Keeley Granite (Pty) Ltd

After the Court of Appeal had dismissed an appeal by charterers from Mr Justice Donaldson, who upheld an arbitrator's interim award in favour of shipowners when laytime began, Lord Justice Megaw suggested that the statutory provisions allowing an appeal to the Court of Appeal as of right in such circumstances should be reconsidered.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the appeal was on a question of construction, a very short question relating to the words of a charterparty. The arbitrator had decided the dispute in favour of the shipowners and, on a special case, the Commercial judge had upheld the award. Was it right in those circumstances that there should be an appeal as of right to the Court of Appeal without leave?

The right arose out of section 21 of the Arbitration Act, 1950. Section 21(1)(a) and (b) provided for two forms of reference to the court from an arbitration (a) being a question of law and (b) being an award or any part of an award. Section 21(3) made clear that under (a) an appeal to the Court of Appeal was only by leave, but that if it was under (b), on a special case, there was an appeal without leave. His Lordship was strongly of the opinion that the time had come when the statutory provision should be reconsidered.

If it should be decided that leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal were required, it would not mean that such appeals could never be brought. There were unquestionably appeals and awards in the form of special cases, commercial and otherwise, in which it was appropriate that there should be an appeal to the Court of Appeal and beyond. But there was no valid reason why in certain circumstances it should not be left first to the discretion of the Commercial Court judge to decide whether he thought it was an appropriate case to grant leave, and if leave were refused there would always be an opportunity of applying for leave to the Court of Appeal, notwithstanding the judge's view. The time had come when the legislation ought to be reconsidered.

Lord Justice Roskill agreed.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, February 10, 1953

Coal and steel pool

Today's institution of a common market for coal in six European countries—France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—to be followed by a similar step for steel in two months' time, may prove a landmark in western history. It is true that it is hedged around for the time being by safeguards which make its first impact uncertain and may make it slight, yet the six countries produce over a seventh of the world's output of coal and over a sixth of its output of steel. If, as its creators hope, the Community becomes the foundation of a new large free trade area, it should be a source of economic and political stability and a way to greater prosperity. Its benefits should extend outside the group. The advantages both for the world outside and for the Community would be lessened if the six countries adopted a concerted policy of high protection. But the present leaders of the Community, above all M. Monnet, appear to recognize the unwisdom of such a course. The Community wishes to increase its exports which will not thrive in a world of restrictions.

Saturday Review

A family man

V. S. Pritchett

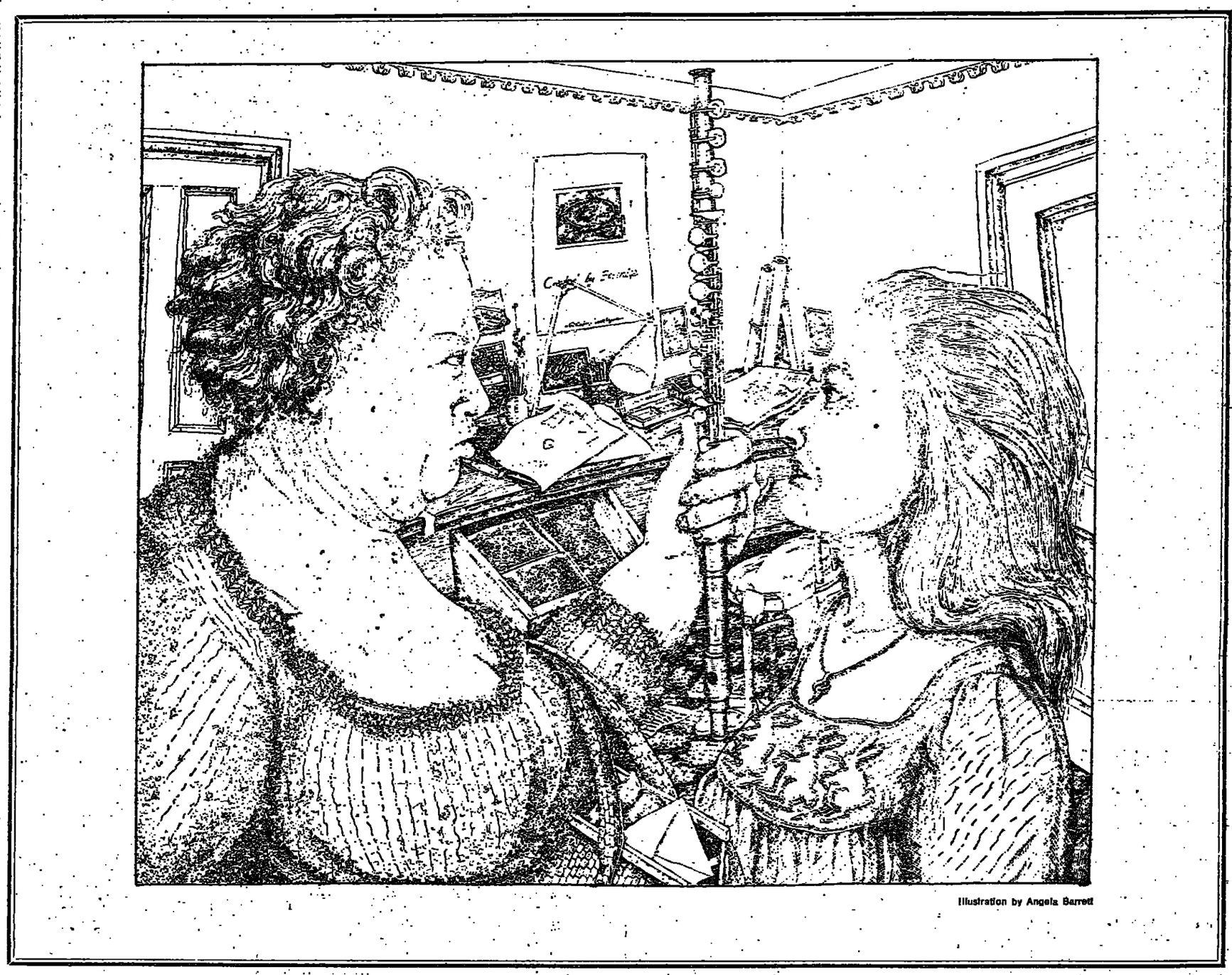


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Late in the afternoon, when she had given him up and had even changed out of her pink dress into her smock and jeans and was working once more at her bench, the door bell rang. William had come after all. It was in the nature of their love affair that his visits were fitful: he had a wife and children. To show that she understood the situation, even found the curious satisfaction of reverie in his absences that lately had lasted several weeks, Berenice dawdled yawning to the door. As she slipped off the chain, she called back in to the empty flat: "It's all right, father. I'll answer it".

William had told her to do this because she was a woman living on her own: the call would show strangers that there was a man there to defend her. Berenice's voice was mocking, for she thought his idea possessive and ridiculous; not only that, she had been brought up by Quakers and thought it wrong to tell or act a lie. Sometimes, when she opened the door to him, she would say: "Well! Mr Cork", to remind him he was a married man. He had the kind of shadowed handsomeness that easily gleams with guilt and for her this gave their affair its piquancy.

But now—when she opened the door—no William and the yawn, its hopes and its irony, died on her mouth. A very large woman, taller than herself, filled the doorway from top to bottom, an enormous blob of pink jersey and green skirt, the jersey low and loose at the neck, a face and body inflated to the point of speechlessness. She even seemed to be asleep with her large blue eyes open.

"Yes?" said Berenice.

The woman woke up and looked unbelievingly at Berenice's feet which were bare for she liked to go about barefoot at home, and said:

"Is this Miss Foster's place?"

Berenice was offended by the word "place".

"This is Miss Foster's residence. I am she."

"Ah", said the woman, babyish no longer but sugary. "I was given your address at the College. You teach at the College I believe? I've come about the repair."

"A repair? I make jewelry", said Berenice. "I do not do repairs."

"They told me at the College you were repairing my husband's flute. I am Mrs Cork."

Berenice's heart stopped. Her wrist went weak and her hand drooped on the door handle, and a spurt of icy air shot up her body to her face and then turning to flaming heat as it shot back again. Her head suddenly filled with chattering voices, saying Oh God. How frightful. William, you didn't tell her? Now what are you, you, you going to do. And the word "Do, do" clattered on in her head.

"C'Cork?" said Berenice. "Flute?"

"Florence Cork", said the woman firmly, all sleepy sweetness gone.

"Oh yes. I am sorry, Mrs Cork. Of course, yes. Oh do come in. I'm so sorry. We haven't met, how very nice to meet you. William's, Mr Cork's flute! His flute. Yes, I remember. How d'you do? How is he? He hasn't been to the College for months. Have you seen him lately—how silly, of course you have. Did you have a lovely holiday? Did the children enjoy it? I would have posted it only I didn't know your address. Come in, please, come in."

"In here?" said Mrs Cork and marched into the front room where Berenice worked. Here, in the direct glare of Berenice's working lamp Florence Cork looked even larger and even pregnant. She seemed to occupy the whole of the room as she stood in it, memorizing everything—the bench, the pots of paint brushes, the large designs pinned to the wall, the rolls of paper, the sofa covered with papers and letters and sewing, the pink dress which Berenice had thrown over a chair. She seemed to be consuming it all, drinking all the air.

But here, in the disorder of which she was very vain, which indeed fascinated her, and represented her talent, her independence, a girl's right to a life of her own and, above all, being barefooted, helped Berenice recover her breath.

"It is such a pleasure to meet you. Mr Cork has often spoken of you to us at the College. We're quite a family there. Please sit. I'll move the dress. I was mending it."

But Mrs Cork did not sit down. She gave a sudden lurch towards the bench and seeing her husband's flute there propped against the wall, she grabbed it and swung it above her head, as if it were a weapon.

"Yes", said Berenice, who was thinking: 'Oh dear, the woman's drunk', "I was working on it only this morning. I had never seen a flute like that before. Such a beautiful silver scroll. I gather it's very old, a German one, a presentation piece given to Mr Cork's father. I believe he played in a famous orchestra—where was it?—Bayreuth or Berlin? You never see a scroll like that in England, not a delicate silver scroll like that. It seems to have been dropped somewhere or have had a blow. Mr Cork told me he had played it in an orchestra himself once, Covent Garden or somewhere . . . ."

She watched Mrs Cork flourish the flute in the air.

"A blow", cried Mrs Cork now in a rich meaty voice. "I'll say it did. I threw it at him."

And then she lowered her arm and stood swaying on her legs as she confronted Berenice and said:

"Where is he?"

"Who?" said Berenice in a fright.

"My husband!" Mrs. Cork shouted. "Don't try and soft soap me with all that twaddle. Playing in an orchestra! Is that what he has been stuffing you up with. I know what you and he are up to. He comes every Thursday. He's been here since half past two. I know. I have had this place watched."

She swung round to the closed door of Berenice's bedroom.

"What's in there?" Mrs Cork shouted and advanced to it.

"Mrs Cork-", said Berenice as calmly as she could. "Please stop shouting. I know nothing about your husband. I don't know what you are talking about."

And she placed herself before the door of the room.

"Please stop shouting. That is my father's room." And, excited by Mrs Cork's accusation, she said:

"He is a very old man and he is not well. He is asleep in there."

"In there?" said Mrs Cork.

"Yes, in there."

"And what about the other rooms? Who lives upstairs?"

"There are no other rooms", said Berenice. "I live here with my father. Upstairs? Some new people have moved in."

Berenice was astonished by these words of her's; for she was a truthful young woman and was startled, even though it excited her, by a lie so vast. It seemed to glitter in the air as she spoke it.

Mrs Cork was checked. She flopped down on the chair on which Berenice had put her dress.

"My dress, if you please", said Berenice and pulled it away.

"If you don't do it here", said Mrs Cork quietening and with tears in her eyes, "you do it somewhere else."

"I don't know anything about your husband. I only see him at the College like the other teachers. I don't know anything about him. If you will give me the flute I will pack it up for you and I must ask you to go."

"You can't deceive me. I know everything. You think because you are young you can do what you like", Mrs Cork muttered to herself and began rummaging in her handbag.

For Berenice one of the attractions of William was that their meetings were erratic. The affair was like a game: she liked surprise above all. In the intervals when he was not there, the game continued for her. She liked imagining what he and his family were doing. She saw them all glued together as if in some enduring and absurd photograph, perhaps sitting in their suburban garden, or standing beside a motor car, always in the sun, but William himself, dark faced and busy in his gravity, a step or two back from them.

"Is your wife beautiful?", she asked him once when they were in bed.

William in his slow, serious way took a long time to answer. He said at last: "Very beautiful."

This had made Berenice feel exceedingly beautiful herself. She saw his wife as a raven-haired, dark-eyed woman and longed to meet her. The more she imagined her; the more she felt for her, the more she saw eye to eye with her in the pleasant busy middle ground of womanish feelings and moods, for as a woman living alone she felt a firm loyalty to her sex. During this last summer when the family were on holiday she had seen them glued together again as they sat with dozens of other families in the aeroplane that was taking them abroad, so that it seemed to her that the London sky was rumbling day after day, night after night, with matrimony 30,000 feet above the city, the countryside, the sea and its beaches where she imagined the legs of their children running across the sand. William flushed with his responsibilities, his wife turning over to brown her back in the sun. Berenice was often out and about with her many friends, most of whom were married. She loved the look of harassed contentment, even the tired faces of the husbands, the alert looks of their spirited wives. Among the married she felt her singularity. She listened to their endearments and to their bickerings. She played with their children who ran at once to her. She could not bear the young men who approached her, talking about themselves all the time flashing with the slapdash egotism of young men trying to bring her peculiarity to an end. Among families she felt herself to be strange and necessary—a necessary secret. When William had said his wife was beautiful, she felt so beautiful herself that her bones seemed to turn to water.

But now the real Florence sat rummaging in her bag before her, this balloon-like giant, first babyish and then shouting accusations, the dreamed of Florence vanished. This real Florence seemed unreal and incredible. And William himself changed. His good looks began to look commonplace and shady: his seriousness became furtive, his praise of her calculating. He was shorter than his wife, his face now looked hang-dog and she saw him dragging his feet as obediently he followed her. She resented that this woman had made her tell a lie, strangely intoxicating though it was to do so, and had made her feel as ugly as *she* was. For she must be, if Florence was what he called beautiful. And not only ugly, but pathetic and without dignity.

Berenice watched her warily as the woman took a letter from her handbag.

"Then what is this necklace?", she said, blowing herself out again.

"What necklace is this?", said Berenice.

"Read it. You wrote it."

Berenice smiled with astonishment: she knew she needed no longer to defend herself. She prided herself on fastidiousness: she had never in her life written a letter to a lover—it would be like giving something of herself away, it would be almost an indecency. She certainly felt it to be very wrong to read anyone else's letter, as Mrs Cork pushed the letter at her. Berenice took it in two fingers, glanced and turned it over to see the name of the writer.

"This is not my writing", she said. The hand was sprawling; her own was scratchy and small. "Who is Bunny? Who is Rosie??"

Mrs Cork snatched the letter and read in a booming voice that made the words ridiculous.

"'I am longing for the necklace. Tell that girl to hurry up. Do bring it next time. And, darling, don't forget the flute!!! Rosie.' What do you mean 'who is Bunny'?" Mrs Cork said. "You know very well. Bunny is my husband."

Berenice turned away and pointed to a small poster that was pinned to the wall. It contained a phorograph of a necklace and three brooches she had shown at an exhibition in a very fashionable shop known for selling modern jewelry. At the bottom of the poster, elegantly printed, were the words:

Created by Berenice.

Berenice read the words aloud, reciting them as if they were a line from a poem:

"My name is Berenice", she said.

It was strange to be speaking the truth. And it suddenly seemed to her, as she recited the words, that really William had never been to her flat, that he had never been her lover, and had never played his silly flute there, that indeed he was the most boring man at the College and that a chasm separated her from this woman, made so ugly by jealousy.

Mrs Cork was still swelling with unbelief, but as she studied the poster, despair settled on her face.

"I found it in his pocket", she said helplessly.

"We all make mistakes, Mrs Cork", Berenice said coldly across the chasm. And then, to be generous in victory, she said: "Let me see the letter again".

Mrs Cork gave her the letter and Berenice read it and at the word "flute" a doubt came into her head. Her hand began to tremble and quickly she gave the letter back.

"Who gave you my address—I mean at the College?" Berenice accused. "There is a rule that no addresses are given. Or telephone numbers".

"The girl", said Mrs Cork defending herself.

"Which girl? At Enquiries?"

"She fetched someone."

"Who was it?" said Berenice.

"I don't know. It began with a W, I think", said Mrs Cork.

"Wheeler?" said Berenice. "There is a Mr Wheeler."

"No it wasn't a man. It was a young woman. With a W—Glowitz."

"That begins with a G", said Berenice.

"No", said Mrs Cork out of her muddle, now afraid of Berenice. "Glotwitz was the name"

"Glowitz", said Berenice unbelieving. "Rosie Glowitz. She's not young"

"I didn't notice", said Mrs Cork. "Is her name Rosie?"

Berenice sat down. She felt giddy and cold. The chasm between herself and Mrs Cork closed up.

"Yes", said Berenice and sat on the sofa, pushing letters and papers away from herself. She felt sick.

"Did you show her the letter?" she said.

"No", said Mrs Cork looking masterful again for a moment. "She told me you were repairing the flute."

"Please go" Berenice wanted to say but she could not get her breath to say it. 'You have been deceived. You are accusing the wrong person. I thought your husband's name was William. He never called himself Bunny. We all call him William at the College. Rosie Glowitz wrote this letter." But that sentence: "Bring the flute" was too much—she was suddenly on the side of this angry woman, she wished she could shout and break out into rage. She wanted to grab the flute that lay on Mrs Cork's lap and throw it at the wall and smash it.

"I apologize, Miss Foster", said Mrs Cork in a surly voice. The glister of tears in her eyes, the dampness on her face, dried. "I believe you. I have been worried out of my mind—you will understand."

Berenice's beauty had drained away. The behaviour of her one or two lovers had always seemed self-satisfied to her, but William, the most unlikely one, was the oddest. He would not stay in bed and gossip but he was soon out staring at the garden, looking older as if he were travelling back into his life: then, hardly saying anything, he dressed, turning to stare at the garden again as his head came out of his shirt or he put a leg into his trousers, in a manner that made her think he had completely forgotten her. Then he would go into her front room, bring back the flute and go out to the garden seat and play it. She had done a cruel caricature of him once because he looked so comical, his long lip drawn down at the mouth piece, his eyes lowered as the thin high notes, so sad and lascivious, seemed to curl away like wisps of smoke into the trees. Sometimes she laughed, sometimes she smiled, sometimes she was touched, sometimes angry and bewildered. One proud satisfaction was that the people upstairs had complained.

She was tempted, now that she and this clumsy woman were at one, to say to her:

"Aren't men extraordinary. Is this what he does at home, does he rush out to your garden, bold as brass, to play that silly thing?"

And then she would be scornful.

"To think of him going round to Rosie Glowitz's and half the gardens of London doing this!"

But she could not say this, of course. And so she looked at poor Mrs Cork with triumphant sympathy. She longed to break Rosie Glowitz's neck and to think of some transcendent appeasing lie which would make Mrs Cork happy again, but the clumsy woman went on making everything worse by asking to be forgiven. She said "I am truly sorry" and "When I saw your work in the shop I wanted to meet you. That is really why I came. My husband has often spoken of it."

Well, at least, Berenice thought, she can tell a lie too. Suppose I gave her everything I've got, she thought. Anything to get her to go. Berenice looked at the drawer of her bench which was filled with beads and pieces of polished stone and crystal. She felt like getting handfuls of it and pouring it all on Mrs Cork's lap.

"Do you work only in silver?" said Mrs Cork, dabbing her eyes.

"I am", said Berenice, "working on something new."

And even as she said it, because of Mrs Cork's overwhelming presence, the great appeasing lie came out of her, before she could stop herself.

"At present", she said.

"Actually", she said, "we all got together at the College. A present for Rosie Glowitz. She's getting married again. I expect that is what the letter is about. Mr Cork arranged it. He is very kind and thoughtful."

She heard herself say this with wonder. Her other lies had glittered but this one had the beauty of a newly discovered truth.

"You mean *Bunny's* collecting the money?" said Mrs Cork.

"Yes", said Berenice.

A great laugh came out of Florence Cork.

"The big spender", she laughed. "Collecting other people's money. He hasn't spent a penny on us for 30 years. And you're all giving this to that woman I talked to who has been married twice? Two wedding presents!"

Mrs Cork sighed.

"You fools. Some women get away with it, I don't know how", said Mrs Cork still laughing. "But not with my Bunny", she said proudly and as if with alarming meaning. "He doesn't say much. He's deep is my Bunny!"

"Would you like a cup of tea?" said Berenice politely, hoping she would say no and go.

"I think I will", Mrs Cork said comfortably. "I'm so glad I came to see you." "And", she added, glancing at the closed door, "what about your father? I expect he could do with a cup."

Mrs Cork now seemed wide awake and it was Berenice who felt dazed, drunkish and sleepy.

"I'll go and see", she said.

In the kitchen she recovered and came back trying to laugh, saying:

"He must have gone for his little walk. He must have heard us talking. He always slips out for his little walk in the afternoon, on the quiet."

"You have to keep an eye on them at that age", said Mrs Cork.

They sat talking and Mrs Cork said "Fancy Mrs Glowitz getting married again". And then absently, "I cannot understand why she says 'Bring the flute'."

"Well", said Berenice agreeably, "he played it at the College party."

"Yes", said Mrs Cork. "But at a wedding, it's a bit pushy. You wouldn't think it of my Bunny, but he *is* pushing."

They drank their tea and then Mrs Cork left. Berenice felt an enormous kiss on her face and Mrs Cork said: "Don't be jealous of Mrs Glowitz, dear. You'll get your turn", and she went.

Berenice put the chain on the door and went to her bedroom and lay on the bed.

How awful married people are, she thought. So public, sprawling over everyone and everything, always lying to themselves and forcing you to lie to them. She got up and looked bitterly at the empty chair under the tree in the garden and then she laughed at it and went off to have a bath so as to wash the horrible lies off her body. Afterwards she rang up a couple called Brewster who told her to come round. She loved the Brewsters, so restfully conceited as they were in the burdens they bore. She talked her head off. The children stared at her.

"She's getting odd. She ought to get married", Mrs Brewster said. "I wish she wouldn't swoosh her hair around like that. She'd look better if she put it up."

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Saturday 11 Feb. 3 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.	RSPB COLOUR FILMS Seeable and Hide: Plumes to Peregrines; Early One Morning . . . Round Robin 7 p.m. ALL SEATS SOLD. 7.30, £1.00, £1.30, £1.00, 80p. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.
Sunday 12 Feb 7.30 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA, Riccardo Muti (conductor), Christoph Eschenbach (piano). Rossini Overture Semiramide; Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 2 in B flat, Op. 19; Schubert Symphony No. 9 in C (Great). (Please note change of soloist and prog.) £3.85, £3.30, £2.70, £2.20, £1.50, £1.00 NPO Ltd.
Monday 13 Feb. 5.55 p.m.	CONCERT PLATFORM Fourth in a series of talks arranged in collaboration with Morley College. (4) Geoffrey Norris will speak on Prokofiev whose works are to be performed later in the evening by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. After, the speaker will hold an informal discussion. 50p. Royal Festival Hall
Monday 13 Feb. 8 p.m.	BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Paavo Berglund (conductor) Pavel Kogan (violin). Prokofiev Suite, Summer Night; Violin Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 63; Symphony No. 5 in B flat, Op. 100. £3.30, £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.30, £1.00 Western Orchestral Society Ltd.
Tuesday 14 Feb. 8 p.m.	ROYAL CHORAL SOCIETY London Symphony Orchestra Meredith Davies (cond.), Alfreda Hodgson (contralto), John Mitchinson (tenor), Gwynne Howell (bass). Elgar The Dream of Gerontius. There will be no interval during this performance. £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65 (only) Royal Choral Society
Wednesday 15 Feb. 5.55 p.m.	MICHEL CHAPUIS Organ. Couperin Tierce en taille; Buxtehude Chorale preludes: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland; Ach Gott und Herr; In dulci jubilo; Lobt Gott ihr Christen all zugleich; Prelude and Fugue in G minor; Bach Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 582. Works by Tiolouze, De Grigny, Dandrieu. 60p (unreserved) R.F.H.
Wednesday 15 Feb. 8 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Pierre Boulez (cond), June Card (sop), Jennifer Smith (sop), Ian Caley (tenor), Hans Günter Nöcker (barr), Bartók Four Pieces, Op 12; Sinopoli Tombeau d'Armor II (U.K. premiere); Schoenberg Von Heute auf Morgen (an opera in one act). £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.60, £1.10. BBC
Thursday 16 Feb. 8 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Riccardo Muti (cond), Carl Pini (violin), Gerald Drucker (double bass). Mozart Symphony No. 31; Bottesini Grand Duo for violin, double bass, and orch. Mortari Double Bass Concerto; Schumann Symphony No. 4. £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.30, £1.50, £1.00. NPO Ltd.
Friday 17 Feb. 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Norman Del Mar (cond), Erich Gruenberg (violin). Rossini Overture, The Silken Ladder, Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, Mozart Serenade (Eine kleine Nachtmusik), Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter), £3.50, £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00. Victor Hochhauser Anglo-Austrian Music Soc.
Saturday 18 Feb. 8 p.m.	VIENNA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Leonard Bernstein (conductor) Beethoven Symphony No. 2 in D, Op. 36; Symphony No. 3 in E flat, Op 55 (Eroica) £15.00, £12.50 (only) Anglo-Austrian Music Society
Sunday 19 Feb. 3.15 p.m.	AMADEUS QUARTET William Pleeth (cello) Schubert Quartet in D minor, D.810 (Death and the Maiden); Quintet in C, D.956 £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 80p Ibbs and Tillett
Sunday 19 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Sir Georg Solti (conductor) Mozart Symphony No. 38 in D, K.504 (Prague); Berlioz Orchestral Music from Romeo and Juliet £3.85, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10 LPO Ltd.
Monday 20 Feb. 8 p.m.	DANIEL BARENBOIM Piano Recital Schubert Four Impromptus, D.935; Sonata in B flat, D.960. £4.00, £3.25, £2.50, £1.75, £1.00 In aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society Silver Jubilee Appeal and the Jacqueline du Pré Research Fund Harold Holt
Tuesday 21 Feb. 8 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Yevgeny Svetlanov (conductor), John Lill (piano). Rimsky-Korsakov Procession of the Nobles (Mlada); Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 in E flat (Emperor); Rimsky-Korsakov Scheherazade £3.85, £3.75 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) LSO Ltd.
Wednesday 22 Feb. 5.55 p.m.	GRAHAM BARBER Organ. Bach/Stockmeier Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, BWV.562; Chorale Preludes: O Traurigkeit; Jesu, meine Freude, BWV.753; Pedal-Exercitium, BWV.598; Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV.547; Reger Ave Maria, Op. 63, No. 7. Works by: David, Demessieux, Fleury. 60p (unreserved). Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 22 Feb. 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY London Philharmonic Orchestra Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos (cond), Patricia Taylor (mezzo-sop), Trinity College of Music Choir (section); Brahms Tragic Overture; Symphony No. 3 in F; Falla Ballet, The Three-Cornered Hat. £4.00, £3.30, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10
Thursday 23 Feb. 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Elgar Howarth (conductor), Cathy Berberian (sop), Stravinsky Dumbarton Oaks; Berio Calmo (In Memoriam Bruno Maderna); Ravel Three Hebrew Songs; Lutoslawski Livre pour Orchestre; Birtwistle The Triumph of Time. £2.75, £2.20, £1.75, £1.45, £1.10, 75p RPO Ltd.
Friday 24 Feb. 8 p.m.	ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Karsten Andersen (conductor), Henryk Szeryng (violin). Svendsen Carnival in Paris; Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D, Op. 35; Shostakovich Symphony No. 12, Op. 112 (The Year 1917). £3.00, £2.40, £1.80, £1.50, £1.20, 90p RLPS

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Today 11 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	THE MUSIC OF FRANZ LEHAR: London Concert Orchestra. Marcus Dods (cond.), Patricia Reakes, Edmund Bohan. Gold and Silver Waltz, Eva Waltz, Piave March, Excerpts from The Merry Widow, Land of Smiles, Paganini, Giuditta, Czarevitch. £2.90, £2.60, £2.20 (only) Raymond Gubbay
Sunday 12 Feb. 3 p.m.	VLADO PERLEMUTER Piano Recital. Chopin Scherzo in C sharp minor, Op. 39; Twelve Studies, Op. 10; Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op. 44; Twelve Studies, Op. 25. £2.25, £1.95, £1.65, £1.35, £1.00 Basil Douglas Ltd.
Sunday 12 Feb. 7.15 p.m.	LASALLE QUARTET Benita Valente (soprano). Quartets from the 2nd Viennese School: Webern Quartet, Op. Posth; 5 Movements for string quartet, Op. 5; Schoenberg Quartet No. 2 Op. 10. £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 De Koos Concert Management
Monday 13 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	NASH ENSEMBLE Spohr Octet in E, Op. 32; Gordon Crosse "Wildboy" Concertante for clarinet and eight instruments (Oxford University Press Quincentenary Celebration) (1st perf.); Beethoven Septet in E flat, Op. 20. £2.00, £1.75, £1.25, 80p Amelia Freedman
Tuesday 14 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	JOHN WILLIAMS (guitar) with Jennifer Smith (sop), Brian Burrows (ten), Timothy Walker (guitar), Paul Hamburger (piano) SOR (1778-1839) A programme to celebrate the bicentenary of his birth. £3.50 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) Harold Holt Ltd.
Wednesday 15 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	RICHARD HICKOX ORCHESTRA Richard Hickox (conductor) Norma Burrowes (soprano), Simon Standage, Andrew Watkinson, Edward Roberts, Pauline Scott (violins). Vivaldi Concerti for 1, 2 & 4 violins; Handel Cantata, Lucrezia. £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00. Ibbs & Tillett
Thursday 16 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	WALTER KLIEN Piano Recital. Mozart Sonata in A, K.331; Sonata in A minor, K.310; Schubert Sonata in A, D.959. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 75p. Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Friday 17 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	GERAINT JONES ORCHESTRA Geraint Jones (cond.), Winifred Roberts (violin), Janice Knight (oboe). Prog. inc. Concertos by Vivaldi in D for violin, Telemann in E minor for Oboe; Bach B'burg No. 3; Handel Grosso in A minor; Bach Suite No. 1 in C. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 75p. Kirckman Concert Soc Ltd.
Saturday 18 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	LONDON ORIANA CHOIR English Baroque Orchestra; Leon Lovett (cond) H. Holt (sop), J. Temperley (cont), D. Johnston (ten), P. Knapp (bass). Bach Mass in B minor. £3.00, £2.50, £2.00 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) London Oriana Choir
Sunday 19 Feb. 3 p.m.	WALTER KLIEN Piano Recital Mozart Sonata in G, K.283; Adagio in B minor, K.540; Eine Kleine Gigue in G, K.574; Sonata in D, K.284; Schubert Sonata in G, D.894. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 75p Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Sunday 19 Feb. 7.15 p.m.	MARTIN BEST From the Dawn of Romance to a Knight on the Road. The Voice of the Troubadour with a band of lutes, guitars & psaltery, harp & rebec, rebec & violin, percussion, flute & recorders. £2.25, £1.95, £1.65, £1.35, £1.00 Noel Gay Productions
Monday 20 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	UNIVERSITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRA Ian Reid (cond), Peter Bithell (piano) Dvorak Ov. Carnival; Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Op 15; Saint-Saëns Danse Macabre; Copland Suite, Rodeo £2.50, £1.75, £1.25 (only) University of London Orchestra
Tuesday 21 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	PHILADELPHIA STRING QUARTET Beethoven Quartet in D, Op. 18 No. 3; Quartet in F, Op. 135; Quartet in E minor, Op. 59, No. 2 (Rasumovsky) £1.75, £1.50, £1.25, £1.00, 75p Basil Douglas Ltd.
Wednesday 22 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	LONDON CHANTICLEER ORCHESTRA Ruth Gipps (conductor) Carol Leatherby (cont), Alan Brown (piano); M. Arnold Variations on a theme by Ruth Gipps (1st perf); Franck Symphonic Vars; Elgar The Enchantress; Brahms Symphony No. 3 £2.25, £1.75, £1.50, £1.25, 90p Basil Douglas Ltd.
Thursday 23 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	WALTER KLIEN Piano Recital Mozart Fantasia in C minor, K.475; Sonata in C minor, K.457; Sonata in C, K.279; Schubert Sonata in C minor, D.958. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 75p. Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Friday 24 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	NORTHERN SINFONIA ORCHESTRA Christopher Seaman (cond) John Lill (piano). Mendelssohn String Symphony No. 12 in G minor; Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 1 in C; Haydn Symphony No. 100 (Military). £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p Northern Sinfonia Concert Society

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Tuesday 14 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	WILLIAM NABORE Piano Recital. Scarlatti Quattro Esercizi; Schubert Sonata in C, D 840; Klavierstück No. 3 in E flat minor; Granados El Amor y la Muerte; Valses poeticos; Scriabin 5 preludes, Op. 74; Debussy L'Isle Joyeuse. £1.50, £1.00, 80p Prestige Artists Geneva
Wednesday 15 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	SARAH FRANCIS (oboe) CUMMINGS STRING TRIO. J. C. Bach Quartet in E flat, Op. 8, No. 3; Schubert Trio in B flat, D.581; C. Crosse Vars for oboe & cello, Op. 37c (1st Lond perf); Haydn Sonata in A; Berkeley String Trio; Mozart Oboe Quartet in F. £1.80, £1.20, 80p Jane Gray
Thursday 16 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	NATAN SCHWARTZMAN (violin), FERNANDO LOPES (piano). Vivaldi Sonata in A; Beethoven Sonata in C minor, Op. 30, No. 2; Castelnuovo Tedesco? Sonata No. 3 (1st Lond perf); Brahms Sonata No. 3 in D minor, Op. 108 £1.20, £1.00, 80p Helen Jennings Concert Agency
Friday 17 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	CHRISTOPHER KITE, ROBERT FERGUSON (duet & 2 pianos). Schubert 3 Military Marches, D.733; Fantasy in F minor; Dvorak Slavonic Dances; Debussy 6 Epigraphes antiques; Gershwin American in Paris; Warlock 2 Cod-Pieces. £1.50, £1.25, £1.00 Basil Douglas Ltd.

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

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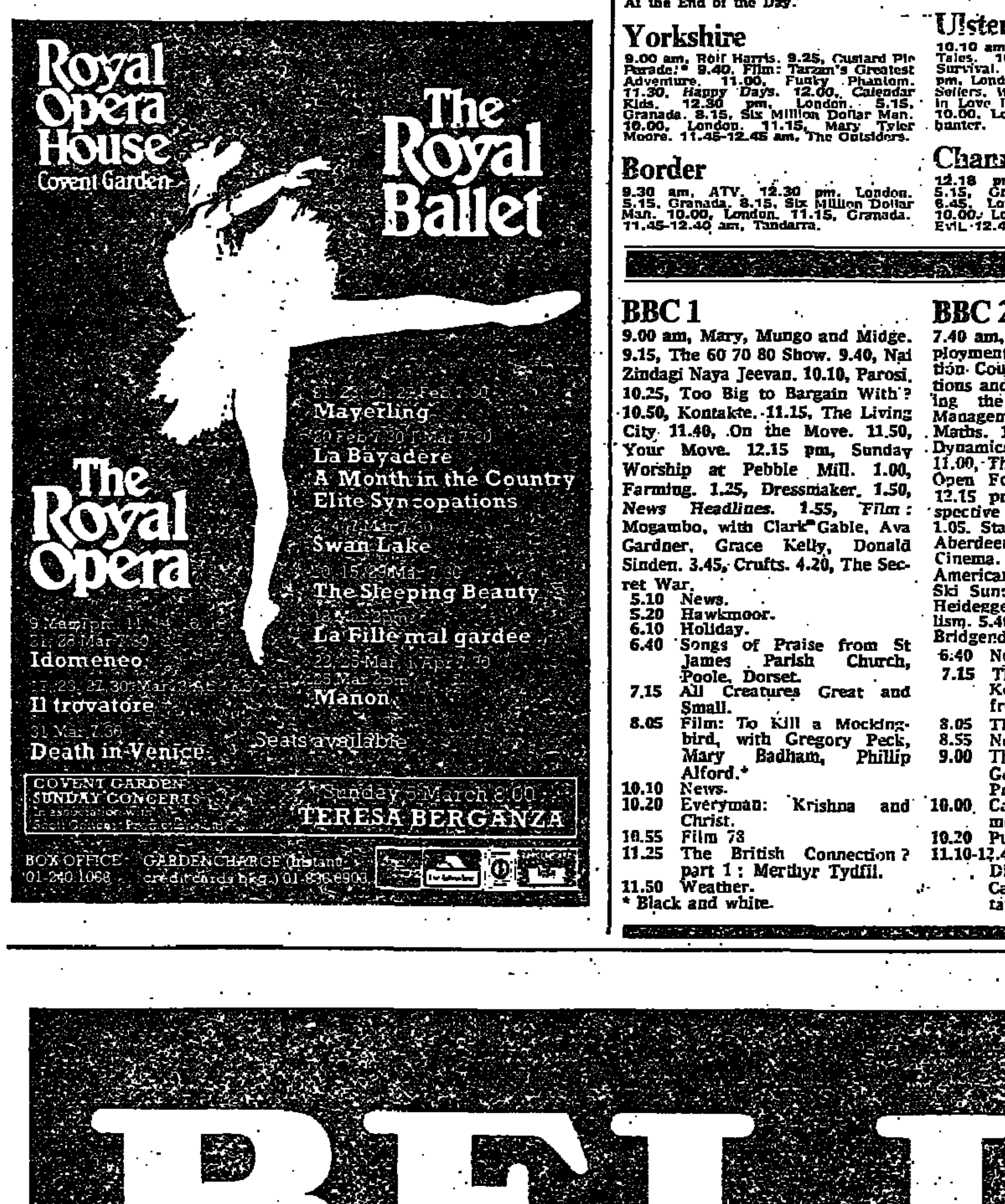
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Weekend Broadcasting

TV CHOICE

6.25 pm BBC 1. It is to the even stranger than usual behaviour of Dr Who that we must turn for the first flash of normal viewing today.
8.30 pm ITV. Anglia's Sale of the Century continues to be the family attraction mid-Saturday evening.
8.40 pm BBC 2. My choice, however, almost inevitably, is the independently made Before Hindsight film and—more important—the studio discussion that follows it. Who needs hindsight to be aware of the dangers of bias in news and current affairs? An important subject.
10.15 pm ITV. Dennis Potter is Melvyn Bragg's leading guest on The South Bank Show; But I shall be waiting with breath more bated for Ingrid Bergman.
Tomorrow
12 noon ITV Weekend World is worrying itself about the Japanese export threat to our industries. What link with United Kingdom unemployment? is the question.
5.45 pm ITV. I must say that I agree with my eight-year-old. The Ghosts of Motley Hall is one of Granada's best programmes. Certainly today.
6.25 pm ITV Credo looks at Mrs Mary Whitehouse and her efforts to put an end to child pornography pedlars.
8.05 pm BBC 2 Alan Bates continues to disappoint me with his portrayal of Hardy/Potter's Mayor of Casterbridge, yet I watch. **10.20 pm BBC 1** Everyman profiles a unique mystic, Benedictine and guru, western and oriental, Christian and Hindu: Bede Griffith.

Iain Redpath

THE WEEK'S FILMS

The BBC is bringing out its curiosities this week. Tonight (BBC 2, 10.50) Film International presents a new adaptation of Franz Kafka's Metamorphosis scripted and directed by a fellow-Czech, Ivo Dvorak, but not, of course, in Czechoslovakia, where Kafka is not currently recognized. On Thursday there is another first feature film, this time directed by the American actor George C. Scott. Rage (BBC 2, 9.30) is the story of a father who sets out to avenge his son, the victim of an accident involving a military chemical weapon. George C. Scott appears again, starring in a comedy role in Arthur Hiller's 1971 MASH-type satire on medicine, The Hospital (Monday, BBC 1, 9.25); and yet again in a supporting role in Delmer Daves's moody 1958 western The Hanging Tree, one of Gary Cooper's last starring vehicles.

The major treats of the week, however, are Jimmy the Gent (tonight, BBC 2, 12.20), a 1934 Warner crime comedy directed by Michael Curtiz, which teamed a sprightly young James Cagney with Bette Davis; and John Ford's 1953 Mogambo (tomorrow, BBC 1, 1.55). Clark Gable had starred in the original version of the story, Red Dust (1932). Then his problem was to choose between Jean Harlow and Mary Astor. Twenty years on the choice was Grace Kelly or Ava Gardner.
Robert Mulligan's To Kill a Mockingbird (tomorrow, BBC 1, 8.05) is a shrewd observation of Southern small-town life in the early Thirties, with Gregory Peck as the widowed father of two characterful children, a lawyer called upon to defend a negro accused of rape.

As exotica William Dieterle's 1954 Elephant Walk (Wednesday, BBC 1, 6.50), which has Elizabeth Taylor and a stampede, is more to be recommended than the ludicrous Green Mansions which has little in its favour apart from an unexpected Villa-Lobos score. If you prefer British, there's Anthony Asquith's stuffy 1958 version of The Doctor's Dilemma (tomorrow, BBC 2, 11.10); or ITV can offer Holiday Camp (Friday, 2.25), a real period piece after 30 years.

David Robinson

SATURDAY TV

BBC 1

9.00 am, Teddy Edward. 9.10, Canoe. 9.30, Multi-coloured Swap Shop. 12.20 pm, Grandstand. 12.25, Football Focus; 12.55, 1.40, 2.10, Snooker; Benson and Hedges Masters. 1.20, 1.55, 2.30, 3.5, Racing from Newbury. 2.50, 3.30, 4.30, Athletics, Great Britain v West Germany. 3.50, Rugby: York v Warrington. 4.40, *Final Score.*
5.10 Batman.
5.35 News.
5.50 Jim'll Fix It.
6.25 Dr Who.
6.50 Film: Away all Boats, with Jeff Chandler, George Nader, Lex Barker.
8.40 Mike Yarwood in Persons.
9.10 Starsky and Hutch.
10.00 News.
10.10 Match of the Day.
11.10 Parkinson.
12.10 Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES.—8.45 am, Canoe. 9.05-9.30, Telifiant. SCOTLAND.—4.55-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50, Scoreboard. 10.10-10.40, Sportscene. 10.40-11.10, Songs of Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND.—5.00-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50, Northern Ireland News.

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: Imagery and Imagism: 8.05, Telephone Models: 8.30-8.55, Maths for Science: 11.00, Introduction to the Organ: 11.30, Haemoglobin; 12.15-1.05 pm, Miss Julie. 2.50. Film: Green Mansions, with Audrey Hepburn, Anthony Perkins. 4.30, Play Away. 5.00, Horizon: Not the cheapest but the Best: *Isambard Kingdom Brunel.* 6.00, Open Door: Shoreham Youth Workshop present The Cardboard Camera Show. 6.30, Sight and Sound in Concert, with Gilbert O'Sullivan, Chris de Burgh.
7.30 News.
7.40 Network: From BBC Scotland. The End of the Road.
8.10 Book Programme: First Novels, interviews with new authors.
8.40 Was It "Before Hindsight"?
10.20 M*A*S*H.
10.45 News.
10.50 Film: Metamorphosis with Ernest Gunther.
12.15-1.20 am, Film: Jimmy the Gent.*
* Black and white.

London Weekend

8.30 am, Fun Food Factory (r). 8.55, Junior Police 5. 9.00, Sesame Street. 10.00, Our Show. 11.00, Film: Barnacle Bill (1957), with Alec Guinness.* 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, World Two-man Bobsleigh Championships. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30, Wolverhampton; 1.45, Catterick; 2.00, Wolverhampton; 2.15, Catterick; 2.30, Wolverhampton; 2.45, Catterick; 3.00, Wolverhampton. 3.10, Moto Cross: Shellsport National Trophy. 3.50, Half-Time Soccer Round-up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.05 News.
5.15 Happy Days.
5.45 Logan's Run.
6.45 Celebrity Squares.
7.30 Enemy at the Door.
8.30 Sale of the Century.
9.00 Within These Walls.
10.00 News.
10.15 South Bank Show with Melvyn Bragg, Dennis Potter.
11.15 Film: Devils of Darkness (1965), with William Sylvester, Tracy Reed, Carole Gray, Diana Decker, Hubert Noel, Rona Anderson.
12.50 am, Epilogue.
* Black and white.
(r) Repeat.

HTV

9.05 am, Master Golf. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.45, Celebrity Squares. 6.30, Logan's Run. 7.30, London. 9.00, ATV. 10.00, London. 11.15-12.10 am, Moynihan. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—as HTV except: 5.45, cartoon. 6.00-6.30, Sion A Sian. 11.15-12.10 am, Just Friends.

Westward

9.00 am, The Beatles. 9.25, The Lost Islands. 9.50, Film: Carry On, Don't Lose Your Head. 11.30, Gus Honeybun. 11.35, Space 1999. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 6.15, Happy Days. 6.45, London. 9.00, Police Woman. 10.00, London. 11.15, Film: Twins of Evil, with Peter Cushing. 12.45 am, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.00 am, Animal Alphabet. 9.10, Cartoon. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Southern. 6.00, Mind Your Language. 6.30, Maggie and Her. 7.00, Southern. 7.30, London. 8.30, Film: I Heard the Owl Call My Name, with Tom Courtenay, Dean Jagger. 10.00, London. 11.15, Southern. 12.15 am, At the End of the Day.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, Rolf Harris. 9.25, Custard Pie Parade.* 9.40, Film: Tarzan's Greatest Adventure. 11.00, Funky Phantom. 11.30, *Happy Days.* 12.00, *Calendar Kids.* 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Six Million Dollar Man. 10.00, London. 11.15, Mary Tyler Moore. 11.45-12.45 am, The Outsiders.

Border

9.30 am, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Six Million Dollar Man. 10.00, London. 11.15, Granada. 11.45-12.40 am, Tandarra.

Grampian

9.00 am, Scene on Saturday. 9.25, Skippy. 9.50, Woody Woodpecker. 10.15, Woobinda. 10.45, Cartoon. 11.00, The Lost Islands. 11.30, Waldo Kitty. 12.00, Captain Scarlet. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Six Million Dollar Man. 10.00, London. 11.15, Reflections. 11.20-12.20 am, Frankie Vaughan Show.

Tyne Tees

9.05 am, Survival. 9.30, Film: Flame of Araby, with Jeff Chandler, Maureen O'Hara. 11.00, Play Soccer Jack Charlton's Way. 11.30, Space 1999. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Six Million Dollar Man. 10.00, London. 11.15, The Practice. 11.45, The Family. 12.40 am, Epilogue.

Scottish

9.00 am, Horses in Our Blood (r). 9.30, ATV. 12.30, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Film: The Night of the Following Day, with Marlon Brando, Richard Boone. 10.00, London. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20-12.20 am, Danger in Paradise.

Ulster

10.10 am, The Herbs. 10.20, Tree Top Tales. 10.25, Beachcombers. 11.00, Survival. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Granada. 8.15, Best Sellers. *William Holden, Jennifer Jones in Love Is a Many Splendoured Thing.* 10.00, London. 11.15-12.10 am, Manbanter.

Channel

12.18 pm, Puffin. 12.30, London. 5.15, Granada. 6.15, Happy Days. 6.45, London. 9.00, Police Woman. 10.00, London. 11.15, Film: Twins of Evil. 12.45, Weather.

ATV

9.05 am, Rolf Harris. 9.30, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Six Million Dollar Man. 6.15, Havoc: Great Airship Disasters. 6.45, London. 9.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 10.00, London. 11.15-12.40 am, Film: Betrayal, with Amanda Blake, Dick Haymes.

Southern

8.50 am, Weekend. 9.00, London. 12.20 pm, Weekend. 12.30, London. 5.15, Celebrity Squares. 6.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, London. 8.30, Film: Crossfire, with James Farentino. 10.00, London. 11.15, Within These Walls. 12.15 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

9.30 am, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, Havoc. 6.45, Sale of the Century. 7.15, Enemy at the Door. 8.15, Best Sellers: The Virgin and the Gypsy, with Franco Nero. 10.00, London. 11.15, Second City Revue. 11.45-1.10 am, Film: Home for the Holidays, with Walter Brennan.

SUNDAY TV

BBC 1

9.00 am, Mary, Mungo and Midge. 9.15, The 60 70 80 Show. 9.40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.10, Parosi. 10.25, Too Big to Bargain With? 10.50, Kontakte. 11.15, The Living City. 11.40, On the Move. 11.50, Your Move. 12.15 pm, Sunday Worship at Pebble Mill. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Dressmaker. 1.50, *News Headlines.* 1.55, *Film:* Mogambo, with Clark Gable, Ava Gardner, Grace Kelly, Donald Sinden. 3.45, Crufts. 4.20, The Secret War.
5.10 News.
5.20 Hawkmoor.
6.10 Holiday.
6.40 Songs of Praise from St James Parish Church, Poole, Dorset.
7.15 All Creatures Great and Small.
8.05 Film: To Kill a Mockingbird, with Gregory Peck, Mary Badham, Phillip Alford.*
10.10 News.
10.20 Everyman: Krishna and Christ.
10.55 Film 78
11.25 The British Connection? part 1: Merthyr Tydfil.
11.50 Weather.
* Black and white.

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: Unemployment; 8.05, Science Foundation Course; 8.30, Symbols, Equations and the Computer; 8.55, Seeing the Future; 9.20, Systems Management; 9.45, Elementary Maths. 10.10, Pure Maths. 10.35, Dynamics of an Affluent Region; 11.00, The Pre-school Child; 11.25, Open Forum; 11.50, Computers. 12.15 pm, The Sociological Perspective; 12.40, *Mind-Brain?*; 1.05, Statistics; 1.30-1.55, Oil and Aberdeen. 2.45 pm, Arena: Cinema. Joseph Conrad. 3.20, Americans: The First Lady, 4.10, Ski Sunday. 4.55, Men of Ideas: Heidegger and Modern Existentialism. 5.40, Rugby, London Welsh v Bridgend.
6.40 News Review.
7.15 The World About Us. Te Korero! myths and realities from the South Pacific.
8.05 The Mayor of Casterbridge.
8.55 News.
9.00 The Lively Arts. Kelly, with Geordie pop star Alan Price.
10.00 Caught in Time, home movies.
10.20 Public Hearing.
11.10-12.45 am Film: The Doctor's Dilemma, with Lesley Caron, Dirk Bogarde, Alastair Sim, Robert Morley.

London Weekend

9.05 am, Master Golf. 9.30, Make it Count. 10.00, Service for Lent from St Philip's Church, Dorridge, West Midlands. 11.00, Out of Town. 11.30, Happy Days (r). 12.00, Weekend World: 1.00 pm, London Weekend Show. 1.30, Cartoons. 1.45, Munich—Twenty Years After. 2.15, The Big Match. 3.15, Danger in Paradise. 4.15, New Faces. 5.15, Adam Smith (r). 5.45, The Ghosts of Motley Hall.
6.15 News.
6.25 Credo.
6.45 Appeal. David Lewis Centre for Epilepsy.
6.50 Stars on Sunday.
7.15 The Muppet Show with Cloris Lachman.
7.45 The Moneychangers.
9.15 Two's Company, with Elaine Stritch, Donald Sinden.
9.45 News.
10.00 The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie.
11.00 The London Programme.
12.00 Havoc: Great Airship Disasters.
12.30 am, Epilogue.
r Repeat.

Channel

2.13 pm, Weather. 2.15, London. 11.00, Havoc: Great Airship Disaster. 11.30, An Audience with Jasper Carrott. 11.55: Epilogue: Weather.

Southern

9.00 am, Master Golf. 9.25, Make It Count. 9.50, Sketches of Scotland. 10.00, ATV. 11.27, Weather. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoons. 1.15, Wish You Were Here . . . ? 1.45; Gardening. 2.15, London. 3.15, Film: The Cabot Connection, with Craig Stevens. 4.10, Southern News. 4.15, London. 11.00, Baretta. 12.00, Weather; Epilogue.

ATV

9.05 am, First Steps in First Aid. 9.30, Link. 10.00, Service for Lent from St Philip's Church, Dorridge. 11.00, All About Babies. 11.25, Captain Nemo. 11.30, Make It Count. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, Mr Magoo. 1.20, Space 1999 (r). 2.20, Star Soccer. 3.15, Logan's Run. 4.15, London. 11.00, Andy. 11.30-12.00, Inner Space.

Granada

9.30 am, Master Golf. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Make It Count. 11.25, Journal. 11.35, Mr Magoo. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Survival. 1.40, Indoor League. 2.10, Kick Off Match. 3.15, Cartoon. 3.30, Celebrity Squares. 4.15, London. 11.00-12.30 am, Bluey—the First Bloody Day.

Anglia

9.00 am, Southern. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Apaches. 11.30, Elephant Boy (r). 12.00, ATV. 1.00, Gardening. 1.30, Weather 1.35, Farming. 2.05, Match of the Week. 3.05, Cartoon. 3.15, The Little House on the Prairie. 4.15, London. 11.00, Frankie Vaughan Show. 12.00, The Bible for Today.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, Southern. 11.00, Gardening. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Calendar Sunday. 1.25, Cartoon. 1.35, Emmerdale Farm. 2.30, Football. 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 11.00, Power Without Glory. 12.00-12.25 am, The Entertainers: Catherine Howe.

Tyne Tees

9.00 am, Southern. 11.00, Apaches. 11.25, Where the Jobs Are. 11.20, The Beatles. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, The Beachcombers. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, The Jetsons. 2.30, Shoot! 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 11.00, Impact. 11.15, Police Woman. 12.15 am, Epilogue.

Ulster

11.00 am, Toolkit. 11.30, Master Golf. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, All About Babies. 1.30, Cartoon. 1.45, Garnock Way. 2.15, London. 3.15, Cartoon. 3.30, Granada. 4.15, London. 11.00, Sports Results. 11.05-12.00, Hawaii Five-O.

Westward

9.30 am, London. 11.00, ATV. 11.30, Out of Work. 12.00, ATV. 1.00, Cartoon. 1.15, Master Golf. 1.45, Farm and Country News. 2.15, London. 11.00, Havoc, Great Airship Disasters. 11.30, An Audience with Jasper Carrott. 11.55, Faith for Life.

HTV

9.00 am, Sesame Street. 10.00, ATV. 1.00, University Challenge. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Cartoons. 2.15, London. 3.15, Space 1999. 4.15, London. 11.00, An Audience with Jasper Carrott. 11.30-12.15 am, Pro-Celebrity Snooker. HTV CYMRU WALES.—As HTV except: 5.15-5.45, Cred A Chrefft.

Grampian

11.00 am, ATV. 11.30, Master Golf. 12.00, ATV. 1.00, Gardening. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Toolkit. 2.30, Celebrity Squares. 3.15, Scotsport. 4.15, London. 6.25, Out of Stress. 6.45, Appeal. 6.50, London. 11.00, Reflections. 11.05, Maggie and Her. 11.35-12.05 am, The Odd Couple.

Border

9.00 am, Southern. 9.55, Cartoon. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, In Search of Martians. 11.30, Gardening. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Survival. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Border Diary. 2.05, Cartoon. 2.15, Table Tennis. 2.30, Celebrity Squares. 3.15, Scotsport. 4.15, London. 11.00, Electric Theatre Show. 11.30-12.00, Police Surgeon.

Scottish

10.05 am, Credo. 10.30, Survival (r). 11.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Happy Days. 1.30, Farming 2.00, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 2.30, Celebrity Squares. 3.15, Scotsport. 4.15, London. 6.25, Book Mark. 6.45, Appeal: Possum Users' Association. 6.50, London. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-12.00, Streets of San Francisco.

Radio

DAVID WADE

Under the latest dispensation, religious programmes other than such set pieces as the services, now have to compete on the open market: God slots are out. I think this can do nothing but good for religious broadcasters to have to make their programmes as sharp and interesting as everybody else's: certainly one like *I Call it Joy*, which was Vernon Sproxton's portrait of C. S. Lewis (producer Peter Firth), left little doubt that they are able to compete.

Lewis is of course a rewarding subject, eminently quotable —as in his lecture to a group of students at King's, London: "It would be polite and charitable—and in view of your age, reasonable—to suppose that none of you is, yet, a scoundrel. It is almost certain that at least two or three of you, before you die, will have become something very like scoundrels. . . ." That must have riveted his hearers' attention and made them the more receptive to what he had to say about these moral choices which inevitably lay ahead of them, which would present themselves "in no very dramatic colours", but insidiously at moments when "you are anxious not to appear crude, or naive, or a prig": choices in which the moral evasion would actually appear the right and proper course. The description was instantly recognizable.

Lewis was talking at that time about becoming one of the "inner ring", the old boy network, and listeners to the programme may have concluded that from one standpoint—the high literary—he did not quite make the inner ring himself. To John Wain his tastes in literature were slightly juvenile and he was "never quite at ease with those great works . . . which wrestle with emotional problems". Perhaps not, but in the canon of European literature, emotional struggle (followed, if possible, by defeat, not to say annihilation) does command the most extraordinary esteem. To take but one giant example: who would rate *Othello* below the comedies, a play about a man utterly destroyed by his own emotions, as inferior to, let's say, the humorous glowing ambiguities of *Love's Labour's Lost?* Or even for that matter to the mysteries of *The Tempest?* We would never dream of denying the term "great" to the huge tragedies, but would apply it more circumspectly to the remainder of the opus. Is that not a rather curious thing? Suggesting a preference that things should turn out for the worst, if possible? To be truly interesting and certain to be "great", one must fail to cope, conspicuously, with the more damaging elements of one's own nature. Lewis was quoted: "The self you were really intended to be is something that lives not for nature, but for God." If that is a man's view, then perhaps he finds it difficult to treat the thicket of emotion with the gravity it is said to deserve.

A part of that thicket was surveyed in *King and Country: That Ill-Starred Resolution* (producer Christopher Graham) in which Martin Ceadel considered the famous Oxford Union debate of 1933 and the effect it is said to have had on the warlike intentions of Hitler and Mussolini. There was certainly much talk and several dark hints as to its dreadful consequences, but, said Mr Ceadel, there is no hard evidence that it influenced subsequent events in Europe one way or the other. The history of the furor, however, made fascinating listening: the motion ("That this House will in no circumstances fight for its King and Country") was one of several casually jotted down on the back of an envelope as good debating fuel—calculated to generate a heated local argument but nothing more.

That indeed was all it did and all it would have done had it not been that several days later *The Daily Telegraph* got hold of the story and wrote itself a letter to its own editor in inflammatory terms. With that emotions were unleashed, a local bonfire turned into a national blaze. What followed had all the dreary familiarity of trial by press and public opinion: tempers flared, accusations went back and forth like cannon balls, facts were joyfully, willingly lost sight of. In such circumstances it was immensely to the credit of the Union President, Frank Hardy, that he so managed a subsequent debate on a motion to expunge the resolution from the records as actually to keep it to the point; namely, whether the Union had a right to debate what it liked or not. The motion was handsomely defeated, although that did not prevent a posse of those guardians of decency, the rowing men, from ripping the offending entry from the minute book.

Origins is a new magazine about archaeology which once a month occupies the late Sunday evening position on Radio 4. Roy Hayward is producing. First impressions were extremely poor: hours—though in reality they were only minutes—went by in a discussion of the fate of archaeological Ordnance Survey maps. By edition 3 my fortitude had perked up and the programme had as well, although it still has some way to go if it is to attract and hold the general listener. Book reviews delivered solo and monotonously make heavy going, no matter how distinguished the contributor, but there was some fascinating stuff on carbon-dating and on the doings of the formidable General Pitt-Rivers. What *Origins* needs is simply to employ the ordinary techniques of the livelier type of magazine programme, suitably adjusted to its dignity.

SATURDAY RADIO

1
6.00 am, News: Tom Edwards.† 8.03, Racing Bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Kid Jensen. 12.00, Paul Gambaccini. 1.30, Rock On.† 2.30, Alan Freeman.† 5.31, Alexis Korner.† 6.30, Sight and Sound in Concert: Gilbert O'Sullivan, Chris de Burgh.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.15, Ronnie Aldrich.† 8.30, Massed Bands of HM Royal Marines.† 9.30, Radio Orchestra.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.10, Alan Dell. 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† Stereo.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Wally Whyton.† 12.02 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, News Huddlines. 1.30-5.55, Sport, including: Football; Racing from Newbury; Athletics, Great Britain v West Germany; Cricket. 5.00, Sports Report. 6.03, European Pop Jury. 7.02, Peter Goodwright Show. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

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7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Halvorsen, Grieg, Svendsen, Sinding.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release Brahms.† 10.45, Robert Mayer Concert: Reznicek, Schubert, Tchaikovsky.† 12.42 pm, James Galway.† 12.55, News. 1.00, Heritage. 1.15, Violin and viola: Mozart and Bach.† 2.15, Man of Action. Sir William Montagu-Pollock.† 3.35, Bach, Schubert, Haydn.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.45, Critics' Forum. 6.35, The Classical Guitar.† 7.30, BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra: Mozart, Messiaen, Dvorak.† 8.45, Scenes from the Operas of Rutland Boughton.† 10.45, Sounds Interesting.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.†

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6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Yours Faithfully. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Yours Faithfully. 7.50, It's a Bargain. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sport on 4. 8.45, Today's Papers. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.10, Pick of the Week. 10.00, News. 10.02, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Between the Lines. 11.00, News. 11.02, The Week in Westminster. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, James Galway. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Frank Muir Goes Into. . . 2.30, Play: Dial a Poem. 3.00, News. 3.05, Does He Take Sugar? 3.35, Radio 3. 5.00, Kaleidoscope Encore. 5.30, Week Ending . . . 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Desert Island Discs. 6.50, Robert Robinson. 7.30, Christopher Grier records. 8.30, Play: The Sun Stood Still. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, Smash of the Day: All Gas and Gaiters. 10.45, Home and Away: Michael Dean on the East Cheam of the South Seas. 11.00, Lighten Our Darkness. 11.15, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore forecast.

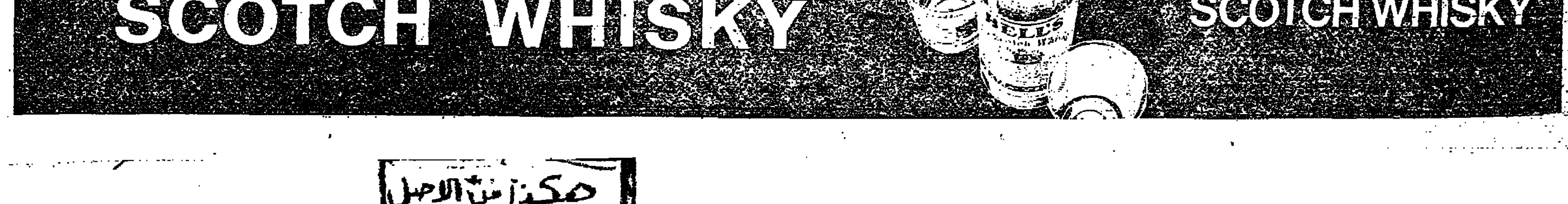
SUNDAY RADIO

1
6.30 am, News. Sam Costa.† 8.00, Playground. 8.32, Cricket. 8.33, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Peter Powell. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Anne Nightingale. 5.30, Quiz Kid 78. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.02, Robin Richmond.† 7.30, Glamorous Nights.† 8.30, Sunday Half-hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.02, Would the Last Businessman, with Leslie Phillips. 10.30, Don Maclean. 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Jazz.† 12.31-12.33 am, News.
†Stereo.

2
6.30 am, Radio 1. 8.03, Dana.† 8.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Benny Green.† 11.30, People's Service.† 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 1.30, Sacha Distel.† 3.02, David Jacobs.† 4.30, Charlie Chester.† 6.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Mozart and the Violin Sonata. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Purcell, Beethoven, Schmidt.† 10.30, Music weekly.† 11.20, Concert Performances by Guido Cantelli: Vivaldi, Brahms. 12.20 pm, Words, by D. H. Mellor. 12.25, Boyce, Quantz, Bach, Telemann.† 1.30, Talking About Music.† 2.00, La Dafne, musical drama by Marco da Gagliano.† 3.15, Solti Conducts Beethoven, part 1.† 4.00, The Secular Society. 4.20, Solti, part 2.† 5.05, Martti Talvela, a profile.† 5.40, Composers' String Quartet: Copland, Crawford, Cowell.† 6.30, Piano Recital: Beethoven, Schumann, Ravel.† 7.30, Play: The Monument, by David Cregan.† 9.00, Agostino Steffani.† 9.45, Reith Lectures, part 5: Between the Generations. 10.15, Konig Dau Duo: Bartok, Crumb, Brahms.† 11.10-11.35, Schubert Songs.†

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7.10 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.40, Bells. 7.45, Reading. 7.50, Sunday Papers. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday. 8.45, Appeal: National Association for the Relief of Paget's Disease. 8.50, Sunday Papers. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, International Assignment. 9.30, Service from the Church of St Teresa of Lisieux, Lexden, Essex. 10.15, Miscellany. 11.00, Local Time. 11.30, Money Box. 12.00, Away From It All. 12.40 pm, Letter from America. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.40, Instant Sunshine. 2.00, Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Play: Footnote to the Conspiracy. 4.00, News. 4.02, Talking About Antiques. 4.30, The Living World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Your Way. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, The Archers. 7.15, Conversation Piece, with Chris Bonnington. 8.00, Concert: Brahms, Rachmaninov. 9.00, News. 9.03, The Woodlanders, by Thomas Hardy: Part 1. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, John Hunter, Surgeon, 1728-1793, the founder of scientific surgery. 11.00, Litany. 11.15, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore forecast.



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…obert Stephens: home again at the National Theatre

…Stephens is home …even years after he …as an associate direc- …Olivier's National …five years after the …of his marriage to …mith, and three years …last appeared on a …stage, he is to be …ongside Albert Finney …ph Richardson and …Tutin and the rest of …ll's all-stars in a new …n of *The Cherry* …which, in a translation …el Frayn, opens at the …n Tuesday.

…ly, his return renews …associations: it was …Hall that Stephens …*Wrong Side of the* …1960 (though they …t worked together …d it was with Albert …at he had some of his …uccesses at the Vic a …rs ago in *Armstrong's* …*dnight* and the Zef- …*ch Ado.*

…t time nobody was …sely linked to the …at its Olivier best: …1963, when he joined …ny to play Horatio to …oole's Hamlet in the …roduction, and 1970, …was playing Lovborg …ie Smith's Hedda, …had major roles in 20 …s ranging from *The* …*Officer* through …*nt of the Sun* to *The* …*sters.* Of the three …en steadily with Oli- …e Vic, Stephens was …nsistently in work …either Frank Finlay …Blakely, and as an …director he was in- …the planning commit- …new building:

…k I was a sort of …r, but it didn't really …we sent round ques- …to all the other …n at the Vic asking …pe of dressing-room …d most useful and …of things it should …and somebody wrote …ilyn Monroe' so that …d of that.

…ly it's good to be …ugh there's almost …left now of the …company I knew: …were at our absolute …the mid-sixties and it …could do no wrong, …er Olivier saying one …his won't last, you …company survives …about seven years …in without falling …ne of the problems …e'd create stars who …lerstandably enough …go off and work …for better money or …people like Michael York and Tony Hopkins went off into films and somehow the fireworks weren't there once directors like Gaskill and Dexter left too.

"Peter's lucky enough to have more people around him—no single man can run a company like the National, not when you have to direct plays and make decisions about the catering at the same time. the new building still doesn't have a 'settled' feeling, and that'll take some time: the size of it simply screams for success after success after success, and you can't expect to have winners on all three stages every night of the year."

But if the National has had its fair share of troubles these past few years, Stephens is the first to admit that so, professionally and privately, has he:

"When the marriage to Maggie began to break up, I realized that I'd allowed too much of her to rub off on me: Priestley once told me I'd improved immeasurably as an actor since I stopped being part of a double act, and though both she and I were very keen to avoid all that 'new young Lunts' rubbish it was inevitable that we'd be cast together at the Vic, and that usually meant comedies which were her great strength but not necessarily mine.

"Also it's impossibly wearing to be married to somebody you're working with 12 hours a day: what is there at home to talk about except more work?"

Though they only list one other (Tarn Bassett) in the reference books, Maggie Smith was in fact Stephens's third wife and that, he reckons at 46, is about enough:

"When I was in Edinburgh with *Murderer* a few years ago there was a note at the stage door one night saying 'I am 21 and your son, but as we've not met since I was one I'll entirely understand if you don't want to see me again'. Naturally I rang him and we had lunch and now we see each other from time to time and he's made me a grandfather; then I've a 16-year-old daughter by Tarn who wants to be a judge, and the two younger children by Maggie. You can't say I haven't seen a good deal of family life one way and another."

The son of a costing surveyor in the building trade, Stephens grew up in Bristol and was taught the business by Esmé Church in Bradford: along with Donald Houston he used to tour in a drama group attached to the National Association of Boys' Clubs and from there he was taken on by Miss Church who had run the Vic school and then moved to Bradford in the (correct) belief that there was at that time a good deal of untapped Northern acting talent. In rep at Morecambe soon afterwards Stephens was approached by Tony Richardson, another Bradford man, about the Royal Court, and it was there that he made his London debut as an actor in 1956:



Photograph by Zoe Dominic

"Looking back on that first season at the Court everyone now says 'What a wonderful revolutionary time to have lived through' but in fact the only real box-office success we had was Laurence Harvey in a revival of *The Country Wife.* When I went for the audition there was a stage manager helping out with the props called John Osborne who used to get £1 an hour and was being encouraged to write by the Court, but nothing was as sudden or as easy as it looks in retrospect. No theatre ever gets off to an easy start, whatever the historians tell you later: at Chichester in the first seasons you either froze or died of the heat backstage, and on stage you could neither be seen nor heard until they got the sightlines and acoustics right.

"People forget. All the supposedly classic 'writers' theatre' plays the Court did by people like Nigel Dennis and Ronald Duncan were disasters: the only real successes were when people like Larry Harvey or Olivier joined the company for something like *The Entertainer.* At one point the money was so disastrous that George Devine and Tony knocked on my door one morning and said 'We've decided to do a Noël Coward farce and you have to play the lead'. This was at the Court, mind you, only a year or so after *Look Back In Anger.* The idea was that the Coward show would get us back on our feet financially: in fact it made a total profit of just under £90. This is not a very predictable business, which is why I'm not very good at regrets.

"Let's just say the past few years haven't been my best: there was a terrible *Othello* in the Park, though I'd like to come back to that when I'm a bit older, and though I made four films last year (among them the currently triumphant *Duellists*) you wouldn't be inclined to describe me as a film star, would you? The trouble with the cinema, for me, was *Sherlock Holmes*: 29 weeks filming, Billy Wilder directing, seven years to write, a budget of $9m and we ended up with a shambles cut from three hours to less than two. After that kind of experience, they tend to hold the actors responsible. If *Jean Brodie* had flopped, where would Maggie be?"

Now, on the even of a major first night as Gayev, Stephens is rather glad to be making what many consider a "return":

"The great thing is not to do too much, not to let them get tired of seeing you around in every show: I think Maggie learned that, which is why she buzzed off to Canada. Olivier was clever, too: at the National, although he worked very hard backstage, his actual appearances were fairly few and far between. I seemed to be on every night, and that is bound to wear both you and the audience down: everybody deserves a rest after a while."

But now that he's back in training, Stephens will be at the National for some months to come: after *The Cherry Orchard* opens he goes straight into rehearsal playing the Mayor to Michael Bryant's Brand:

"When those two parts came along, out of the blue, I thought they were what I'd been waiting a long time for: if the environment is right, the work tends to be all right too."

Sheridan Morley

…ndon debuts

…rs selected for the …ondon Arts Associa- …Young Musicians" …1978 were crowded …Purcell Room con- …the weekend. Each …ed to playing single …from works, and so …ons expressed here …to be provisional. …ple, the guitarist …an played only Wal- …elles, sunny, relaxed …t he delivered with …le *élan* yet which …brief a sampling. …ly Mitchell, a har- …ded most accom- …so, whether in the …s of Britten's Suite …the local colour of …*ejo Zortzico*, but we …near more. And so it

…harpist, Sioned Wil- …ed rather uninterest- …ranging from Cabe- …ish Alvars, I liked …man's *La Source*, a …authentic Victorian …m music, though …Bagatelle by the …Norman dello Joio …invigorating. Others, …lifficulty in finding …music to play, in …the Gallina quintet, …brass ensemble with …bone, trumpets, etc. …were some Farnaby …ns by Elgar How- …ich a well-balanced …e was given, but …es, such as *Mr* …one Kronk, were …s.

…greater substance …usic of the Guadag- …g Quartet, who …opening movements …s by Haydn (Op.77 …nd Bartok (No.1, …either case was the …ll character con- …the ideas were not …firmly enough. Yet …e plenty of indi- …they will be if this …nues, because theirs …plined, thoughtful …so notable was Alex- …lie, who gave a …pressive, quite pow- …unt of the first …of Kodály's Sonata …ello, and, with Wil- …rd at the piano, of …g Allegro of Schu- …ggione Sonata.

…earce had a bright, …somewhat hard …ce, heard at its best …mple, direct sentiments of Charpentier's *Depuis le jour*. Hers was very communicative singing, as in "Hear ye, Israel" from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. Some Lieder by Schumann, however, received fairly elementary readings, clear and decisive, without any subtle shades as yet. The accompanist was David Mason, later heard in his own right in piano works from the start of Schumann's and the end of Chopin's careers. The latter's Barcarolle Op 60 was rather unfocused, which seemed curious when he did so well in the high-speed glitter of Schumann's Abegg Variations Op 1, which had a quite vivid performance.

Kenji Sano displayed an excellent technique, good tone and resilient phrasing, far better motivated than that of many guitarists. His Bach A minor Prelude and Fugue was precise yet effortlessly flowing, and he produced an interesting modern piece in Reginald Smith Brindle's *El Polifemo de Oro*. This was nervously dissonant and on edge, yet productively so, and continuously inventive. The repertoire problem loomed again with Andrew Knights, who played oboe and cor anglais. The suave pattern-making of Pasculli's Variations on a Theme of Donizetti hardly seemed worth the time, and the effortless charm of a nimble Sonata movement by Saint-Saens was clouded by Mr Knights's strident tone. He had a very efficient pianist in Jane Dodd, however.

Sheryl Clarke, too, was an excellent accompanist to Ashley Stafford, who in turn proved to be a most accomplished counter-tenor. everything he sang, by Dowland, Purcell, Handel, and especially Tippett's *Songs for Ariel*, was given a buoyant vitality, his phrases were precisely sculpted, his diction absolutely clear. Corinne-Ann Frost, a cellist, had a mobile technique, an expressive tone, yet showed little personality in a Casals Bach arrangement. The pizzicatos in the scherzo of Rachmaninov's Cello Sonata did not make their proper effect, although there was some spirited playing here by her pianist, Alan Gravill. The best performance by this team was of Martinu's Variations on a Theme of Rossini, an astringent and ingenious piece.

Max Harrison

LPO/Solti
Festival Hall

Barry Millington

I am not the first to comment on the fact that once again the winter Solti series with the London Philharmonic Orchestra has scarcely distinguished itself by the adventurousness of its repertory. That need not necessarily matter provided that the familiar works are presented in performances that are not themselves routine, that cause us to listen afresh to the music. In this respect the two main works in Thursday's concert at the Festival Hall, Bartok's Piano Concerto No 3 in E and Beethoven's Symphony No 7 in A, justified their inclusion, though it was not always obvious that that was going to be the case.

The first movement of the Beethoven, for example, was reluctant to leap off the pages of the score: there was a weighty, yet not particularly gripping, introduction and the Vivace proper gave the impression of only going through the motions of a grandly worked-out sonata design. The suspicion that something was lacking was confirmed by a noticeably greater sense of commitment in the other three movements.

The Bartok concerto, in which the soloist was Vladimir Ashkenazy, also built purposefully to its conclusion: the false relations, exploited eloquently by Mr Ashkenazy in the slow movement, became a driving force in the finale, while the propulsion was increased further as the end approached by making the most of Bartok's fondness for syncopation. Paradoxically, perhaps, the clarity of the composer's design, and this is the most lucid in both tonality and formal outline of the three concertos for piano, was enhanced rather than impeded thereby.

Saint Joan
Old Vic

Irving Wardle

Like that other misnamed "chronicle play", Brecht's *Mother Courage, Saint Joan* triumphed in defiance of its author's intentions. Shaw may have said he wrote it to "save the subject from Drinkwater", but his attempt to annexe Joan's story as another chapter in the history of the Life Force in which the burning of one innocent girl is neither here nor there famously backfired: audiences who came to think, remained to weep.

I have never felt this collision of effects so powerfully as in John Dove's production, making a most welcome return to the Prospect company's season. Those who cannot stomach Shaw generally find plenty to irritate them in his one venture into heroic drama: unfelt poeticism, mealy-mouthed curses, a great show of false hair on the chest—all of which, from Trevor Martin's muted treatment of the usually bellowing Baudricourt, are unobtrusively passed over. And the higher achievements of Eileen Atkins's Joan would have been obscured if she had not also found ways of making the bogus peasant dialogue sound like human speech.

Another danger is that after three scenes of brisk action, the play then grinds to a halt for the big debate in Warwick's tent.

Here, however, the action scenes are played with an absolute minimum of business and there is a positive redoubling of conventional dynamics when Geoffrey Palmer's steely politician meets the impassioned embodiment of the Church militant in Bernard Lloyd's Cauchon: a reading that excels in loading diplomatic courtesies with accusation and threat. With performances such as these, and Robert Eddison's seraphically eloquent Inquisitor, coupling implacable theology with intense personal sorrow, the intellectual sinew of the play is in no danger.

But with Miss Atkins confronting these virtuously clear-thinking adversaries like a fifteenth-century Antigone, the production is overwhelmingly an emotional experience. At once cocky and familiar, maternal (with Ronnie Stevens's fussily petulant Dauphin), and ecstatically inspired, she holds the personal and impersonal sides of the character in perfect balance; so that the recantation threatens completely to extinguish her. The moment is a tremendous test for any actress; and Miss Atkins succeeds in recreating the most hackneyed speech anywhere in Shaw, as if no one had ever heard it before, and turning its stale rhetoric into concrete tragic emotion. A great performance.

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…the programme that …Angus Dalrymple's …sion of his play, *A* …*in Belfast*, was a …d that *The Hottest* …*m* is his comic ver- …so says that Mr. Dal- …"bred in Wales by …ather and an English …nd brought up as …estant and a Roman …it is understandable …ght want to look at …two ways, and even …about Northern Ire- …seem a neutral subject.

Mr. Dalrymple has another achievement which is of interest: before emigrating to Canada he was a columnist for *Sporting Life.* Therein lie the seeds of his play and I cannot saw how the story fared in its serious form, but betting shops and terrorism do make fertile ground for mordant jokes.

More time has passed than Mr. Dalrymple acknowledges, however, and the days when the open provocation of a Protestant march through a Catholic district might be taken casually are gone, if they ever existed.

Since the march needs to happen to bring together a BBC film team, an IRA barber and assorted denizens of a betting shop on the route of the march, there is a false thread holding together the action. It happily does not matter at the best moments, with commentary from the Sandown races blaring over the last rites as Father O'Dea puts to rest an IRA man who may not be dead.

A horse called Mr Paisley first brings prosperity to the Catholic punters in the shop and the ecumenical spirit extends to the Jewish shop owner and a Protestant policeman. If there is a villain it is a crass BBC commentator called Nigel Godfrey, but he is countered by a Welsh cameraman who falls in love and becomes engaged during the march. There is no harm in saying that the people rise triumphant against the distortion of their lives offered by the BBC.

Sebastian Born's direction sorts out the entanglements as they arise and does well by the best moments of the farce. Mr. Dalrymple is not as prodigal with funny lines as he could be and his structural faults are sometimes too obvious, but he presents an authentically Irish mood and uses with comic insight the tensions of the race track results.

The Jewish shop owner need not be a caricature Jew, which is a fault of the playing, writing and direction, and the race track announcer is a bore, but there are some lively performances by John Halstead as the shop manager, Tim Stern as a false doctor, and Peter Robert Scott as Nigel Godfrey. Given a clever set by Di Seymour and some nice touches such as a wall-opening to the neighbouring pub, the play offers as many successes as failures and is a promising opening to the Theatre Royal's premature "spring season".

Wigmore Hall

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Tonight 11 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	BENJAMIN LUXON baritone. David Willison piano. Debenhams Concert Series. Harold Holt Ltd.	Schubert: Die Winterreise. £2.25, £1.85, (ALL OTHERS SOLD)
Sunday 12 Feb. 3.00 p.m.	BERNARD SCHENKEL oboe. Edith Fischer piano. New Era Int. Concerts	Ketterborn: Sonatine; Debussy: Suite pour le piano; Schumann: 3 Romances; Britten: 6 Metamorphoses after Ovid; Works by Telemann, Lalliet. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p
Sunday 12 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	ENGLISH CONSORT OF VIOLS. John Jenkins Tercentenary Concert. Terry Slasberg Agcy	Tercentenary Concert for John Jenkins (1678-1978). Consorts of 4, 5 & 6 parts, bass viol duos, music for viols and violins. A short introductory talk at 6.45 by Dr A. Ashbee. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p
Tuesday 14 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	The Parlour Quartet presents A GRAND EDWARDIAN SOIREE £2.00, £1.80, £1.50, £1.00	A St. Valentine's Day Concert, an annual amorous treat of songs & ballads with Misses Sylvia Eaves & Maureen Keetch soprani, Mr Robert Carpenter Turner baritone, Mr Kenneth Barclay pianoforte.
Wednesday 15 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	PAUL ARMSTRONG piano. Countess of Munster Trust. Ibbs & Tillett	Bach: Partita No. 2 in C minor; Ravel: Le Tombeau de Couperin; Scriabin: Sonata No. 4 in F sharp major; Rachmaninov: Sonata No. 2 (original version). £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p
Thursday 16 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	SYDNEY STRING QUARTET £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p. Basil Douglas Ltd.	Don Banks: Four Pieces; Janacek: Quartet No. 2 ("Intimate Letters"); Bartok: Quartet No. 3 (1927); Ravel: Quartet in F
Friday 17 Feb 7.30 p.m.	LEO WITOSZYNSKYJ guitar. Friday Guitar Concerts. Helen Jennings Concert Agency	Sor: Grand Solo Op. 14; Variations on Malbrough s'en va-t-en guerre; Kucera: Diario; Rubin: Petite Sérénade (1st Lon. perf.); Tarrega: 5 pieces; Music by Bach, Llobet, Turina. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p
Saturday 18 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	PIERRE AMOYAL violin. PASCAL ROGE piano. Wigmore Master Concerts. Harmond Gubbay & Harrison Parrott Ltd.	Beethoven: Sonata No. 3 in E flat; Brahms: Sonata No. 3 in D minor; Debussy: Sonata; Saint Saëns: Sonata No. 1 in D minor. £3.00, £1.50, £1.10, 75p
Sunday 19 Feb. 3.00 p.m.	WILLIAM LANGFORD piano. 1st of 2 concerts. Jane Gray	Schubert: Impromptu in F minor, Op. 142, No. 1; Beethoven: Sonata in F sharp major, Op. 78; Bush: 24 Preludes for the piano, Op. 84; Liszt: Sonata in B minor. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p
Sunday 19 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	MUSIC DECO. Meriel Dickinson mezzo soprano, Christine Croshaw piano, Christopher Gradwell saxophone clarinet	Music from the 1920s and 30s featuring Weill: Songs from Happy End; Schönberg: Cabaret Songs; Peter Dickinson: Schubert in Blue (1st perf.); Billy Mayerl, etc. Mgt. Helen Anderson. £2, £1.50, £1, 60p
Monday 20 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	ANN CHERRY flute. Donald Ellman piano. £3.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p	Handel: Sonata in G, Op. 1, No. 5; Hummel: Sonata in D, Op. 50; Milton Cherry: Sonata (1st Lon. perf.); Schumann: 4 Pieces from Fantasiestücke; Reicha: Sonata in D Op. 103; etc.
Wednesday 22 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	SYLVIA ROSENBERG violin. CRAIG SHEPPARD piano. £2.00, £1.60, £1.20, 80p. Dido Senger	Schubert/Bartók Series, 2nd of 3 concerts. Schubert: Sonatina in D major, D. 384; Rondeau Brillant in B minor, D. 895; Duo in A major, D. 574; Bartók: Sonata No. 2; Rhapsody No. 2.
Thursday 23 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	PHILIP JENKINS piano. £2.00, £1.60, £1.20, 80p. Jane Gray	Mozart: Sonata in F, K. 332; Fauré: Theme & Variations, Op. 73; William Alwyn: Sonata alla Toccata; Chopin: Impromptu in F sharp, Op 36; 3 Mazurkas; Szymanowski: Sonata No. 3, Op. 36.
Friday 24 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	GEORGE VICK American guitarist. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p. Friday Guitar Concerts. Choveaux Management	de Narvaez: Guardame las Vacas; Bach: Fugue; Costo: 2 Etudes; Ponce: Sonata 3; Britten: Nocturnal; Mudarra: Fantasia 10; de la Vega: Sound Clouds (1st Eur. perf.); Sanz: Canarios.
Sunday 26 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	HILLIARD ENSEMBLE "Love in Idleness" £1.80, £1.50, £1.20, 90p. Magenta Music	A fond look at the pursuit of love during the 17th and 18th centuries: Songs & cantatas from Purcell to Arne and readings from Pepys. Stephen Oliver. Exchange (1st perf.).

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THE TIMES

Drink

Finesse

Those who have kept to known and traditional wines during the mid-winter season probably feel inclined to offer something less familiar for spring parties. So here are both novelties and wines that, even if they come within categories already known, are rather special.

Many people are already planning spring weddings. Whether you serve Champagne or any sparkling wine for this kind of celebration, it is fair to calculate a minimum of half a bottle per head consumption—rather more if guests are to drink throughout a sit-down meal. Such an occasion requires a wine dry enough to accompany buffet fare—which often includes foods that are unctuous, creamy, involve pastry or rice and quite a lot of bread.

The wine should also be sufficiently fruity to appeal to such guests as find anything bone dry to be too sharp, even acidic, to please. Catalan sparklers, such as the range made by Codorníu and Freixenet, have long since been recommended with success: *the Penedes area, behind Barcelona*, makes first-rate sparkling wines by the Champagne method.

One wine that may be new to many is the range of the estate of the Marques de Monistrol: the brut, extra seco, and semi-seco (slightly sweet) as well as the rosado, are all available in unmixed case lots from Iberia Wines Ltd, 12, Henry Street, Liverpool, for £24.40—the charge in*cluding delivery in the United* Kingdom mainland. These wines have true finesse: the tiny bubbles, rising fast, and continuing to do so for a long time, indicate the overall quality.

Marques de Monistrol brut and and extra demi-sec are also stocked by a newish merchant, whose list specializes in Spanish wines—Arriba Kettle, 5, St Philip's Place, Birmingham, B3 2PY, who can offer the two Monistrol wines in mixed case lots for £2.17 a bottle. Their list includes 11 red Riojas, four whites, several Catalan wines including the excellent Torres wines plus three of Masia Bach, each of which merits sampling.

A French sparkler that is a real bargain is the cuve close Veuve Bréant, full of flavour, which has already become extremely popular among City businessmen. It costs £1.78 a bottle, or £21.36 the case lot, from Russell & McIver, The Rectory, St Mary at Hill, E.C.3. To offer this kind of wine at a reception or at parties is both simpler and, usually, less expensive than having a mixed bar or several wines. For those who may have been ill or who simply find that the spring is a *long time coming, the cheering* attributes of these reasonably priced sparkling wines make them essentials in even the smallest "cellar".

The white wines of the Palatinate or Rheinpfalz tend to be unusual, among German wines, because they often really can accompany food without their flavour being swamped: with plates of cold cuts, sausages, or the type of light white cheese that is a Palatinate speciality, these wines, *which come from a sandier* soil—and from further south—than those of the Rhine or Mosel, are fuller, very gracious and broadly appealing.

The region's grapes are usually Müller-Thurgau or Sylvaner, but at a recent tasting, a wine made from Riesling surprised and delighted even the most experienced; this might be the special bottle to make a simple cold meal (minus pickles or vinegar) into something lingeringly *memorable*. This Pfalz wine is from the sunny 1976 vintage and is the Deidesheimer Herrgottsacker Riesling Kabinett, Winzerverein Niederkirche; it has a beautiful, compact fragrance, a rounded flavour and an after-taste that trails delec*tably off the palate*. It costs £2.75 from Corney & Barrow, 109 Old Broad Street, E.C.2.

For an informal party, three really cheap wines, French-bottled in 70cl bottles, should interest any wine lover: the red comes from the Hérault, the white from the Tarn (where the Mauzac grape gives it an odd, minerally dry style) and the brilliant pink from the Var (just north of the Riviera) is, in my opinion, unusually good for a vin rosé, freshly scented and with a rounded, fruity taste. It's crisp enough to be a good apéritif but sufficiently robust to go with most informal recipes without losing its definite character. This "Pastoral" range of French country wines costs £16.47 for an unmixed case of each, from B. M. & J. Strauss Ltd, The Broadway, Farnham Common, Bucks.

Madeira seems overdue for a comeback in the context of postprandial hospitality. Cossart Gordon, family shippers of fine Madeira, are justly proud of their outstandingly beautiful 1975-1945 Duo Centenary Celebration very old Bual, bottled in Madeira. It is subtly smooth, the bouquet complex and its gentle benevolence will inspire after-dinner conversation, as the magnificent wine makes its effect from the intensity of its initial taste through the gradually pervading after-tastes and lingering flavours. It costs £5.40 the bottle, from Ellis Son and Vidler, 57 Cambridge Square, SW1.

Pamela Vandyke Price

Collecting

Two images for the price of one

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, which is the loveliest of all?" I would find it quite difficult to choose between the three looking glasses illustrated here: a William and Mary walnut and marquetry example with its original shaped cresting (Asprey, New Bond Street, £7,950); a high rococo one, about 1760, elaborately carved with acanthus leaves (Trevor of Mount Street, £2,850) or one of a pair of George II mahogany wall mirrors, of simple architectural form with broken pediment crestings (Asprey, £2,350).

There is only one modern book on the subject, but it is a good one: Geoffrey Wills's *English Looking Glasses. 1670-1820*, published by *Country Life* in 1965 and now unfortunately out of print. For a briefer introduction to the same subject *by the same writer*, you can consult *The Concise Encyclopaedia of Antiques (The Connoisseur)*, vol iii, pp 159-164.

Although the process of silvering glass was understood before the fifteenth century, it was little used, as glass manu*facture was still very imper*fect. Mirrors were made of highly polished plates of metal. The looking glass industry was mainly developed in Murano, Venice.

Mirrors were not made in England until the early seven*teenth century*, when Aubrey noted in his *Brief Lives* that a man named Robson had begun making them. In 1618 Robson's business was taken over by Sir Robert Mansell, "who employed many expert strangers from foreign parts beyond the seas to instruct the natives of this Kingdom in the making of looking glass plates", and who by 1623 employed some 500 men in the "making, grinding and foyling of looking glasses".

Sir Robert Mansell (1573-1656) was a retired admiral. He had been knighted after the Cadiz expedition in 1596 when he had served under his kinsman Lord Howard and the Earl of Essex. In 1603 he had accompanied Sir Walter Raleigh from London to Winchester for *Raleigh's trial*.

He incurred the enmity of the Duke of Buckingham, who prevented his having any further sea command after 1621. So Mansell turned his thoughts to business ventures. In 1615 he obtained a share in a monopoly of the glass manufacture in England. As it involved a new process of using sea-coal instead of wood, the monopoly was to some extent in the nature of a legitimate patent.

But Mansell had to contend *not only with those who wanted* to infringe the patent, but also those who regarded the Stuart monopolies as a scandal of the age: as John Colpeper was to say in the Long Parliament: "These [monopolies] like the frogs of Egypt, have got possession of our dwellings, and we have scarce a room free from them: they sup in our cup, they dip in our dish, they share with the butler in his box, they have marked and sealed us from head to foot."

Half a century later, a glass works was started at Vauxhall by George Villiers, second Duke of Buckingham, the son of Mansell's enemy. Buckingham was the "Zimri" of Dryden's *Absalom and Achitophel*, in which his frenetic dilettantism was satirized:

A man so various, that he seemed to be,
Not one, but all mankind's epitome;
Stiff in opinions, always in the wrong,
Was ev'rything by starts, and nothing long;
But in the course of one revolving moon,
Was chymist, fiddler, statesman and buffoon.

Buckingham's activities as a "chymist" were closer to alchemy than chemistry. "For some years", says Burnet, "he thought he was very near the finding of the philosopher's stone". But the only useful result of his experiments was the setting up of the Vauxhall glassworks, which were visited in 1676 by John Evelyn, who reported that they made "looking glasses far larger and better than any that came from Venice".

A further boost to looking glass manufacture in England was the translation into English, in 1699, of a French work, by Francois Haudicquer de Blancourt: *The art of glass. Shewing how to make all sorts of glass, crystal and enamel. Likewise the making of pearls, precious stones, china and looking glasses. . . . With an appendix, containing exact instructions for making glass-eyes of all colours.*

Geoffrey Wills gives a clear and simplified description of the processes by which looking glasses were made. There were two main methods. In the "broad" process, the glass was blown into a large bubble; the two opposite sides of the bubble were cut off; the tube remaining was slit along one side and *the whole flattened*. The glass was cooled, ground and polished until as flat as possible.

But there were still flaws and irregularities, and it was impossible to make large sheets by the "broad" process. In the late seventeenth century the French introduced the "glass casting" method: molten glass was poured on to a metal bed, spread over it and rolled flat while hot. Large plates could be made by this process.

Now looking glass became widely used as wall decoration. By 1667 Sir Samuel Morland, diplomatist and inventor, had installed in his house at Vauxhall a room of walls covered in looking glass. The same decorative scheme was adopted by *Nell Gwynne and by Louise de* Kerouaille, Duchess of Portsmouth. (The novelist Charles Reade introduced the same reflecting décor into his rooms at Magdalen College, Oxford, in the nineteenth century.)

By the eighteenth century, we begin to pick up the names of individual looking glass makers, such as John Gumley, a mirror maker of Queen Anne's reign, who set up a glasshouse at Lambeth in 1705 and had a showroom over the New Exchange which Sir Richard Steele commended in 1706.

Gumley's name occurs on a small gilt plaque on a looking glass at Hampton Court. Another, marked "John Gumley 1703" is at Chatsworth. Gumley died about 1729, but his widow continued the business. In 1773 the "British Cast-Glass Company" was incorporated and factories were opened at Southwark and St Helens, Lancashire.

Frames are the best indication of the age of a looking glass. At the beginning of manufacture in England, the glass was small, the frames large. By the 1680s the "cushion" (relief) type was most popular, usually veneered with walnut, but sometimes decorated with lacquer in the Chinese manner.

The Asprey William and Mary looking glass is a particularly well-preserved example as it retains its original cresting patterned in flowers and vegetation in a distinctly Dutch style—a kind of formalized Van Huysum painting, translated into marquetry. Sometimes the wood frames were overlaid with embossed silver, as in examples at Windsor and Knole, Kent.

From about 1690 to 1700 the frame became very thin. In the 1730s and 1740s the "Palladian" or architectural style popularized by William Kent became common. The 1750s and 60s were the period of the elegant rococo giltwood mirrors (some for overmantels, often incorporating oil paintings).

In his book Wills illustrates one of a set of four looking glasses of fanciful rococo style, surmounted by figures of seated sportsmen. The first was sup*plied to the Duke of Atholl in* 1761 and the estimate submitted was £50 for the frame and glass, "the frame to be white and gold".

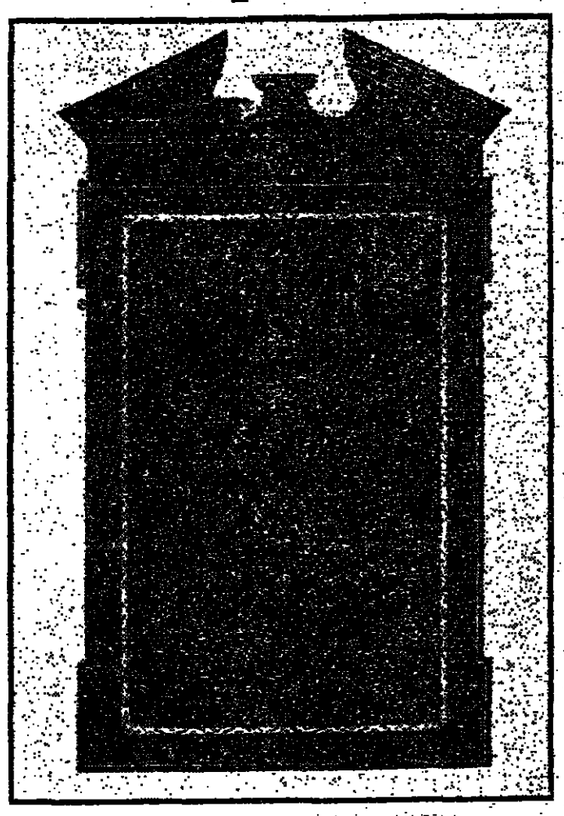
In 1763 three identical glasses were ordered for Blair Castle, the Duke's other seat. The bill *came to £168. We know that* these mirrors were supplied by Thomas Chippendale, but Wills suggests that they were probably made and carved by Thomas Johnson.

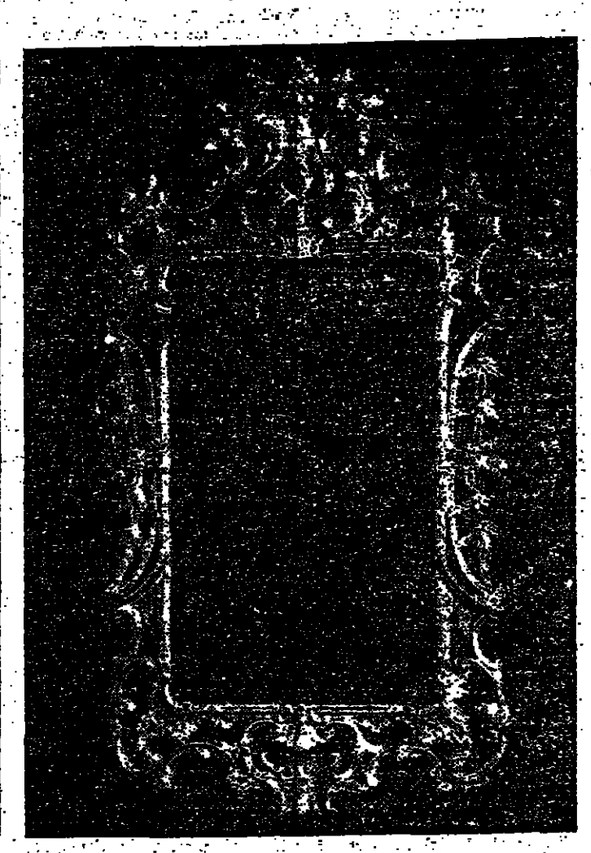
Then came the neo-classical period, with frames based on Adam designs, and the fearful asymmetry of Chippendale rococo gave way to the cool orderliness of pier-glasses and cheval glasses.

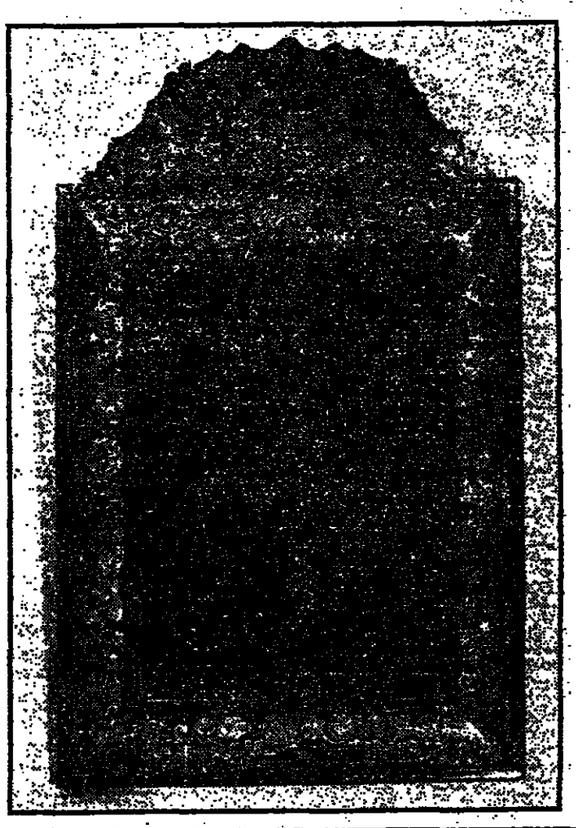
But with the Regency, the looking glass came into its own again as a way of heightening magnificence: two images for the price of one. The Colosseum in Regent's Park, London, included a Hall of Mirrors, opened in 1835. W. E. Trotter's *Select Illustrated Topography of Thirty Miles round London* (1839) contained this breathless description:

"Nothing can exceed the brilliant splendour of the hall when lighted up for the admiration of the public; the endless reduplications of reflection from the mirrors give it an appearance of interminable *extent in every direction*; and the various coloured dresses of the company, which assumes the appearance of a countless multitude in constant motion, produce an impression of grandeur . . . which cannot be adequately described. The whole scene is one effulgent *blaze of splendour*. . . ."

Bevis Hillier







Above:
Upright mirror in
rococo style,
giltwood carved with acanthus,
'C' scrolls,
vine leaves and cabochons.
c. 1760
Trevor of Mount Street,
£2,850

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Above left:
One of a pair of George II
mahogany wall mirrors,
of architectural form
with broken pediment crestings.
Asprey,
New Bond Street,
£2,350

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Left:
William and Mary
walnut and marquetry mirror
with original
cresting, c. 1685.
Asprey, New Bond Street,
£7,950

Chess

The next big move in Argentina

So the Chess Olympiad, by which the World Team Chess Championship has, in the course of many years' misuse of the term, become known, will definitely commence on October 25 in the Argentine, presumably in Buenos Aires. According to reports, the *Argentine Chess Federation* has deposited an insurance bond for the sum of $300,000 as a guarantee of the event taking place in the Argentine. This is just as well since the recollection of what happened in 1954 when the Argentine were due to hold the event still haunts some of us. With only six weeks to go it was discovered that, somehow or other, the money to finance the event had disappeared. Fortunately matters were saved by the Netherlands who, with a masterly display of improvised organization, still managed to hold the event at the time originally specified.

Presumably the present Argentine chess organizers are not of the 1954 kind but more like those who made such a magnificent job of organizing the event in 1939. As one of the three survivors of the BCF team at that event (the others are Sir Stuart Milner-Barry and B. H. Wood) I can testify to the brilliant and all-embracing organization of the time. They even dealt with the problem of our travelling expenses by sending a ship to collect the European teams at Antwerp and having us sent back after the event by a sister-ship.

What the present Argentine Chess Federation is going to do to assist the European teams in their travel is not at all clear. If something is not done, it looks as though the only European teams that can take part in the Olympiad will be those whose governments will cover the costs, and this means in effect those in Eastern Europe.

The British Chess Federation looks like having some problems to solve in this respect; but it would be a pity if, just when we seem to have a team that can do really well in the Olympiad, we are forced to refrain from sending such a team through lack of finance.

Comparison of the likely BCF team with those who played in the three previous Olympiads shows that they are not only younger but also stronger than the members of the teams for 1972, 1974 and 1976. At Skopje in 1972 England failed to qualify for the top final group and finished in seventeenth position. At Nice in 1974 we did considerably better, qualifying for the top final group and finishing tenth.

In 1976 the Swiss System was substituted for the qualification from and for groups and in an Olympiad at Haifa, where the participation was limited *through political considerations*, the BCF came as high as third. However, with such teams as the USSR, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania not competing, and with the West Germans being but a shadow of their former selves the BCF's result was about par and arguably inferior to our performance at Moscow in 1956 where we came eighth with all these formidable teams competing and with a West German side at its best.

One curious omission from the participating teams of recent years has been that of East Germany. It seems that the East German organizers have a *settled rule never to send a* team to an international event unless there is a certainty of the said team winning a medal, ie, coming in the first three. The result has been quite a decline in the strength of that country *as regards international* chess.

In laudable contrast, an English team has been sent to the event from Helsinki 1952 onwards. What, if we do manage to send a team, are the prospects of the English side in Buenos Aires?

It is nice to see that this time we have quite an embarras de richesse as regards the selection of the team. The recently issued Elo International rating lists show that we have at least seven masters in contention for team places: Grandmaster Miles 2565, Grandmaster Stean 2510, Grandmaster Keene 2480, International master Hartston 2475, International master Mestel 2450, International master Webb 2445, and International master Nunn 2440. In addition there are such useful reserves as Bellin 2415, *Speelman 2410 and the* present Junior European champion, Taulbut 2405.

If a team of five is sent then presumably (though not certainly) the top five mentioned here will go; but if six are sent then there will be problems as to who the sixth man will be.

At the moment of writing Grandmaster Miles is undoubtedly the strongest on this list, and, should he play, he will be formidable. Of the others I would pick out Grandmaster Stean and master Mestel as having made the most significant advance in recent months. All the rest have improved, but, since neither Keene nor Hartston has played of late and *since neither will see 25 again*, they do not qualify as active young players and we have to rely upon their prospective performances on the fact that both have been outstandingly good in previous Olympiads.

Bearing all this in mind, and always with the proviso that such players as our three grandmasters are available for the Olympiad, I would have said that we should come in the first eight and, if all find their best form at the appropriate time, then we might even get into the first five.

That Grandmaster Stean has made an interesting switch from Kingside openings to the closer forms and that in so doing an extra depth and width has been added to his play, is demonstrated by the following game from an international tournament at Bar in Crnoj Gori (which I take to be Montenegro) in Yugoslavia.

White: Stean. Black: Raicevic
Catalan System.

1 P-QB4	P-K3	6 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
2 P-KKt3	P-Q3	7 O-O	B-K2
3 B-Kt2	Kt-KB3	8 PxP	RxP
4 P-Q4	P-B3	9 P-QR3	O-O
5 BPxP	KtxP		

9 . . . P-QR4 would have prevented White's next move and seems preferable even though it abandons control of Black's QKt4.

10 P-QKt4	BP-K2	12 Q-Kt3	P-QR4
11 B-Kt2	B-B3		

But now this move is out of place and makes it difficult for Black to develop his QB. Instead Black could have ob*tained equality by* 12 . . . BxB; 13. QxB, Q-B3.

13 P-R4	BxR	15 QxQ	KtxQ
14 QxB	Q-B3	16 P-Kt5	Kt-K2

For now, had Black's QRP been back on R2, he could have played simply 16 . . . Kt-QR4 to be followed by either B-Q2 and QR-B1 or even P-QKt3 and B-Kt2.

17 Kt-B3	B-Q2	19 KtxKt	KtxKt
18 P-K5	KKt-Q3	20 Kt-Q4	QR-B1

Since, unfortunately for Black, he cannot play 20 . . . Kt-B2 or 20 . . . , Kt-K2; 21. BxP, QR-Kt1 on account of 22 . . . , B-B6, he must allow White to bring about an ending in which he, Black, has much the worse minor piece.

21 BxKt	PxB	22 KR-B1	R-B5

This exchange is to his detriment as the pawn is easily blockaded on B5; his best chance was 22 . . , KR-K1 threatening P-B3.

23 RxR	PxR	24 K-K2	K-K2
25 P-B4	R-QB1	26 K-Q3	R-B1
27 K-B2	K-B1	28 P-QR4	P-KKt3

Putting yet another pawn on the same colour square as his Bishop does not help matters. But the ending is already positionally lost. If instead 28 . . , P-B3; 29. P-K6, R-Q4; 30. K-B3; BxKP; 34. R-K1, R-Q3; 32. P-B5.

Position after 28 . . . P-KKt3.



29 K-B3	P-R4	34 Kt-K3	B-Q6
30 R-Q1	P-Kt4	35 R-KKt1	K-K3
31 K-K1	PxP	36 R-Kt5	B-K7
32 PxP	R-B1	37 R-B5	R-Q1
33 Kt-B2	B-B4		

Threatening to win a piece by R-Q6 ch; apparently Black has counterplay but White has played the ending accurately and now gives Black short shrift.

38 R-B6 ch	K-K2	42 Kt-K7 ch	K-Kt2
39 Kt-B5 ch	K-B1	43 KtxR	KxR
40 R-Q6	R-B1	44 Kt-Q6	resigns
41 R-KR6	K-Kt1		

Black must now lose at least two pawns.

Harry Golombek

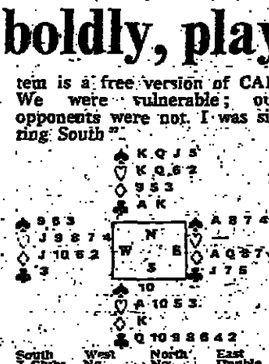
Bridge

Bid boldly, play safe

I do not recall having reviewed *Bid Boldly, Play Safe* by Rixi Markus (The Bodley Head, £4.50) when it was first published 11 years ago, although it was written by one of our most powerful players. It proved almost impossible then to read it with enjoyment because the *hands* were badly presented, a quarter of one diagram having often been set with the bidding on one page and the remainder of the picture on the page adjoining. There was also, for me, the added *irritation that Mrs Markus* seemed eager to spell out the names of as many players as she could afford to introduce; I believe that I am unique in being the only anonymous contributor.

Mrs Markus has a pleasing style and is as honest a critic as will be born anywhere in the bridge world; so I have read the book from start to finish because I am anxious to learn how she has become the world's finest lady player, from having been merely one of the first half-dozen when she told us the story of her working life. Let me say first that, away from the card table, she is the most entertaining and generous person imaginable; but in a rubber or competition she could be as ruthless as anyone I have known—"red in tooth and claw". She has now added some important material to her original collection and the whole work has given me pleasure; but let me first explain how she overcame her only real weakness. She used to take bidding gambles which could prove expensive in a rubber when you lost 900 to save a doubtful game. They were christened "Rixi" bids because a sacrifice which might be justified at duplicate must be weighed more carefully in the balance when you are playing for high stakes. I think that Rixi's rubber bridge taught her the restraint needed to convert a good into a great player.

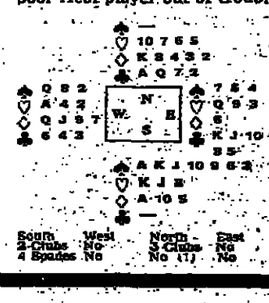
Even the strongest players are influenced by a partner who invariably takes charge. I was far from being Rixi's "cup-of-tea", because I did not like playing second fiddle to however competent a mate; but her account of how she played with such an illustrious partner as Boris Schapiro makes a good story. In her words: "I agreed, at his request, to play Acol, though my own preferred system is a free version of CAB. We were vulnerable; our opponents were not. I was sitting South":



"My partner passed his enormous hand without a moment's hesitation. West made the natural lead of the jack of diamonds. East took the ace and returned a diamond. When I entered dummy and played a small spade, East failed to go up with the ace and 12 tricks were made."

To round off the story North South in the other room reached Four Hearts which could not be made, and Rixi's Five Clubs *should, if it had been reached*, also have been one down on a heart lead. "This is one of the rare occasions when a partnership misunderstanding (Schapiro's pass of Three Clubs) kept us out of an excellent but unmakeable Four Heart contract."

Rixi spoilt her story by writing "I do not often partner Mr Schapiro, so we are not entirely familiar with each other's methods". There was no more need for her to claim better results from a regular partner than can be obtained from a particular system. And this brings me to her basic bidding system. She likes CAB (two Clubs, Ace response, Blackwood) (although I have written in a derogatory way concerning this convention) because it suits her style and leaves her in con*trol. Here is an example of the* CAB response which keeps a poor Acol player out of trouble.



South knows from the ace response that her partner lacks the key card for a slam, the ♡A, *and she therefore does not* invite further bidding. Several of Rixi's opponents who were using Acol reached Six Diamonds or Six Spades.

I share her predilection for the strong No trump; but not *her dislike of an artificial One* Club system which she considers too obtuse for the local club player who is at his best when he employs normal, natural methods. In her experience the Italian "blue" Club is more efficient than the more recent "Precision" which is easier to master. The reason may well be that the Italians have enjoyed more practice together, although their latest Super-Precision has much in common with the invention of Mr C. C. Wei which has swept across the tournament world.

Mrs Markus writes that she has never played artificial systems herself, although her teammates are frequently in favour of them. It is encouraging that so expert a player of the cards restricts herself to a few simple gadgets which she describes in this book; but it must be remembered that methods must change with partners and opponents. A "strictly business double of a pre-emptive Three bid" could strike her as indispensable only if it were used against the weak initial Three bid which she introduced in the first hand.

I was glad to see that she pays a well-deserved tribute to the skill of Mrs Fritzi Gordon who partnered her for many years with the greatest success. Mrs Gordon's "descriptive bidding made it easy for me to bid Six Clubs" on the following hand:

Markus	West	Gordon	East
♠ Q J 9 8		♠ —	
♡ 7		♡ K Q J 9 8 4	
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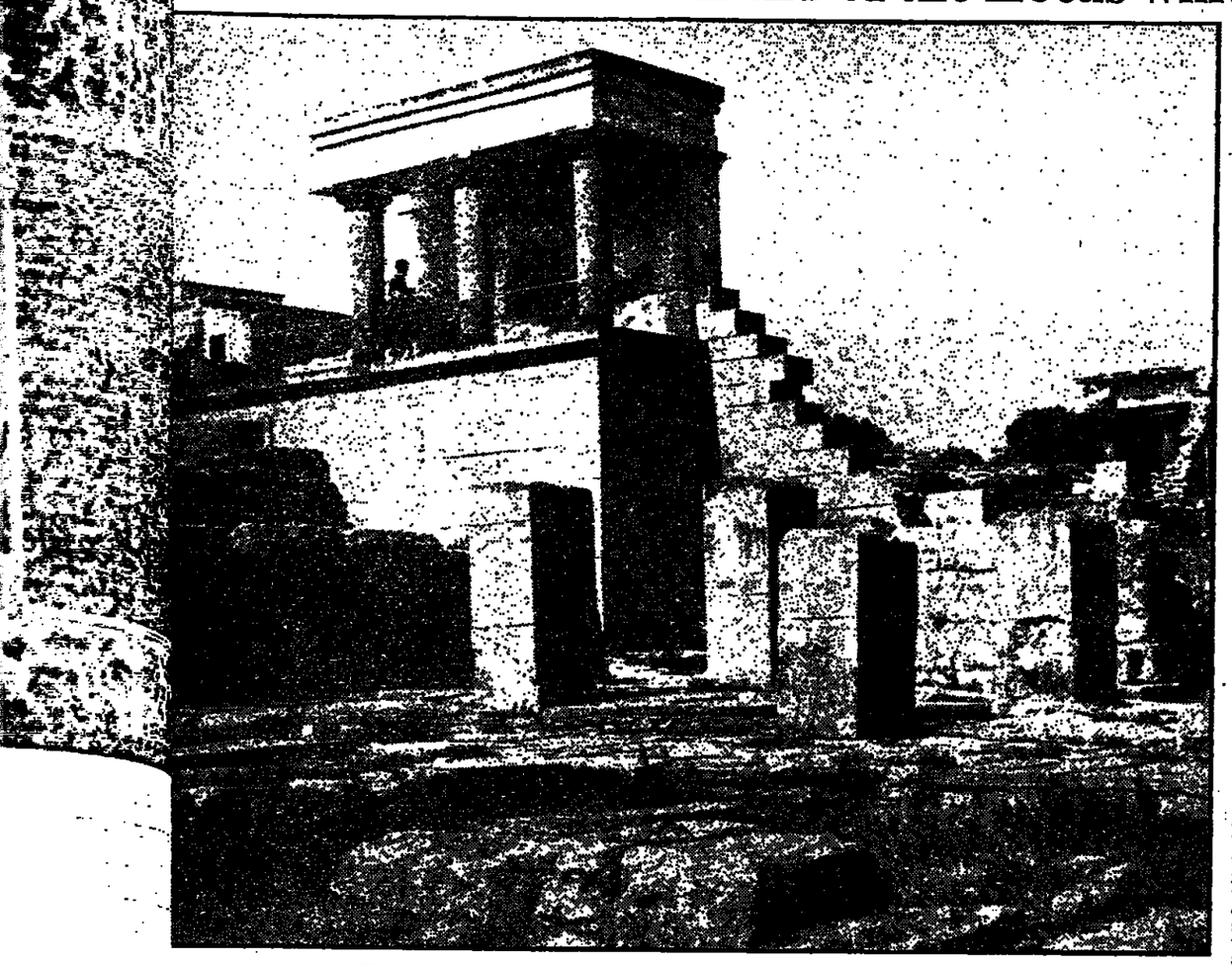
After an opening lead of a diamond by North, Rixi had no trouble in making an overtrick, discarding the ♡7 on a diamond and playing South for the ♡A. She does well to recall that, however expert you may be in every field of the game, you are always in need of a sensible, trustworthy partner.

Edward Mayer

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Travel

Land of the Lotus which lives up to its image



The ancient face of Crete: the Palace of Minos at Knossos

"The visitor to Crete must know that it is a land that will take possession of him. It is a land of contrasts—a land of myth, a land of reality. One journey will make the commitment complete."

Allowing for the fact that guidebooks are hardly unbiased when they stray from factual descriptions, I am inclined to agree with the sentiments expressed above. Expressed by the anonymous author of a tourist pamphlet through which I browsed during my last visit—during a peaceful morning at Ierapetra, to be exact.

Ierapetra is the only large town on Crete's south coast, lying at the eastern end of the island some two dozen miles from Aghios Nikolaos which we had chosen as our holiday base once more. Having parked the hire car in the shade and the family on the beach, I retired to the shade of the tamarisk trees which line the promenade. A large black coffee was ordered from the small boy who darted among the tin tables, presumably at the behest of *his* parents who owned the cafe, and I was deep in my browsing when he brought it, balanced on a tray with a tumbler of cold water.

To my right, along the tree lined promenade, were other tables and at them groups of men playing backgammon or deep in earnest conversation, twirling their *komboloi*—the "worry beads" which forever click and clatter through Cretan fingers.

The weather was perfect—too hot for me, in fact, out on the coarse-grained sandy beach—and on the glittering water lay an anchored yacht, its white hull and superstructure throwing back the glare of sunshine. We had seen the same craft three days before in the harbour at Aghios Nikolaos and rumour had it that a pop star and his entourage were on board. The yacht, to say nothing of the rumour, reflected the changes that have occurred at Aghios Nikolaos over the past few years, for the place is fast becoming a "fashionable" holiday destination. Last summer saw it busy. This summer will see it packed.

As far as Britons are concerned, the "image" of Crete has been firmly established by the television serials *The Lotus Eaters* and *Who Pays the Ferryman?*—both of which relied heavily upon the island's scenery to attract viewers. I have no doubt that many holidaymakers will travel to Crete this year in the hope that reality will match the "image". As far as scenery is concerned they will not be disappointed for Crete can take the breath away. Half the island's beauty lies in the mountains—Dykti, Ida and Lefka Ori—which extend along the spine of the island. They can be reached by car, but anyone who uses a car to explore Crete must be prepared to leave the vehicle and walk long distances when roads become unsurfaced tracks and tracks peter away into footpaths.

This time we did not do enough exploring, although we reached as far as Chania in the west. Content with Aghios Nikolaos and its environs we left our rented apartment to eat at tavernas along the coast road and in the town itself. We visited Spinalonga—as all tourists should—swam from an assortment of beaches which were, as before, littered with rubbish, and met a young Cretan named Costas Pangalos who runs a bar in a converted tavern.

The bar—"Spilia"—is on a promontory of land which curves round opposite the Minos Beach apartments. In theory it opens at lunchtime but this depends on how late Costas Pangalos has been up the night before. If his 1946 Mercedes is parked there, you will get service at the waterside tables. At night there is music for energetic dancing.

On the hilltop a few yards above the cave is the 900-year-old church of Aghios Nikolaos, which presumably gave its name to the community at large, as well as the shell of an unfinished hotel.

Apart from the Minos Beach, other hotels in Aghios Nikolaos include the Mirabello—also a little way out of town on the road to Elounda—and the Hermes which is a stroll away from the harbour. All are featured in tour company brochures, as is the excellent Elounda Beach hotel, some six or seven miles away at the village of Elounda. Very many holidaymakers on Crete choose taverna, villa or apartment accommodation, however, and this can vary enormously in its range and quality. We sampled two establishments which are in the Thomson 1978 brochure—the Residence Creta, a pension just 100 yards from the town centre, and the Villa Maria apartments, a mile and a half from the town and directly opposite the road to the ancient church and the "Spilia" bar.

The Residence was a disappointment, the "simple rooms" of the brochure description being too simple, but the apartments were better furnished and had adequate facilities for self-catering. Two weeks there this summer can be had for between £143 and £164 per person if a group of four travel together, and that price includes the return air fare between Luton and Heraklion.

There is much to be said in favour of Crete as a holiday destination, and I would like to say much more on some future occasion. For me, its main attraction is the way in which it does not confine the visitor—at any rate, the visitor who chooses self-catering independence as we did. There are very many tavernas providing inexpensive evening meals and an atmosphere of welcome that goes beyond commercial considerations.

Many tour companies sell inclusive holidays to the island, and travel agents should have details. The independent traveller may obtain information about ferry services and accommodation from the National Tourist Organization of Greece, whose London office is at 195/197 Regent Street, W1R 8DL.

Although I said that travel agents would have details of inclusive holidays to Crete they will not, of course, have information about those offered by the Danish tour company Tjaereborg, whose arrival on the scene has caused them considerable distress. As Tjaereborg sells—at lower comparable prices—direct to the customer you will have to obtain the brochure direct from 7/8 Conduit Street, London W1R 9TG (tel 01-499 8676). Holidays are available to the Coral hotel in Aghios Nikolaos, the Akti Zeus and Apollonia near Heraklion and the superb Creta Maris hotel near Hersonissos.

Tjaereborg is one of the very few tour companies to guarantee the prices in its 1978 brochure and this is a point to bear in mind for several companies are on the brink of imposing surcharges on inclusive holidays to Spain. At a time when the pound is strong against both the peseta and the dollar, there seems no valid reason to squeeze more money from holidaymakers, but I believe tour companies will do so if they can. We must all keep an eye on them.

John Carter

Gardening

Some that can stand up themselves

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er and bushier mari- golds, varieties of *Tagetes erecta*, or African marigolds make plants up to three feet high. Why they acquired the name African, I have never really understood because the tagetes are native of Mexico. They make bushy plants and a few of them will fill a large bed or part of a border.

A great favourite of mine is *Lavatera* "Loveliness", a hardy annual that makes a really nice bushy plant about 3ft high and produces its pink trumpet-shaped flowers over a long period in summer. Then there are the annual chrysanthemums and the annual hollyhocks.

The annual rudbeckias need to be sown about now in a greenhouse but they are well worth the trouble because they make sizable plants up to 3ft high and flower right on until the frosts arrive. Of all the annuals we can raise from seed I put the annual rudbeckia at the top of the list.

My wife, looking over my shoulder, disagrees—she puts petunias first and she is, as usual, probably right, where the smaller plants are concerned. I still think the rudbeckias are tops if you want plants 2ft or 3ft high.

Several years ago I was lost in admiration for a border of the tall Rocket Hybrid antirrhinums; they were between 3ft and 4ft high and as they branch from the base and had been planted fairly closely the effect was magnificent. The border flanked the front courtyard of the house and was on a slightly higher level—about 2ft—so that as you drove in you came literally face to face with this striking display.

Turning now to herbaceous plants that stand up by themselves I will pass over the smaller types—the sedums, *Coreopsis verticillata* and the like and concentrate on the taller varieties. The sunflowers come in here again; the perennial varieties such as *Helianthus* "Loddon Gold" with double flowers are fine for a large bed or border. So, too, are the rudbeckias and the splendid *R* "Herbstsonne" with large single yellow flowers was a good 8ft high in our garden last year.

It is growing in a border flanked by a 20ft conifer hedge and at the end of the season it admittedly began to flop about a bit. Normally it grows sturdily to about 8ft.

Other good plants that need no staking include the kniphofias or red hot pokers, *Liatris spicata*, *Lychnis chalcedonica*, one of the few true scarlet herbaceous plants, and the large white moon daisies, varieties of *Chrysanthemum maximum*, double or single. I have no strong feelings about most double flowers either way—some, like double snowdrops and double lily of the valley for me, are no improvement on nature's handiwork but I get more pleasure from the large single moon daisies such as the variety "H. Sélbert" than I do from the good old double "Esther Read".

The day lilies, all the modern forms of hemerocallis are fine upstanding plants that flower over a long period. The various sidalceas too flower for many weeks and need no support. For the spring we have *Dicentra spectabilis*, pinks and white, the white "Alba", and the crimson "Adrian Bloom". On a good retentive soil the dicentras or bleeding hearts really make imposing plants. In my garden at Grayswood, *D. spectabilis* flourished under an old pear tree on the dreadful yellow clay.

For the autumn, if you have a few blank spots try some aconites, such as *Aconitum* "Bressingham Spire", deep violet blue, of if you like bicoloured flowers, which I unashamedly do, "Blue Sceptre" with blue and white flowers. I say "unashamedly" because some specialists look down on anybody who likes bicolours—in the iris world you were considered very low caste if you liked the "Plicata" varieties. Maybe the iris enthusiasts are more broadminded now.

And thinking of irises, unless you hanker for the very large flowered modern bearded irises, whose flowers are so heavy that the spikes have to be staked, why not plant a small collection of the intermediate varieties which flower earlier when there is not much in bloom in the herbaceous border and which certainly stand up by themselves?

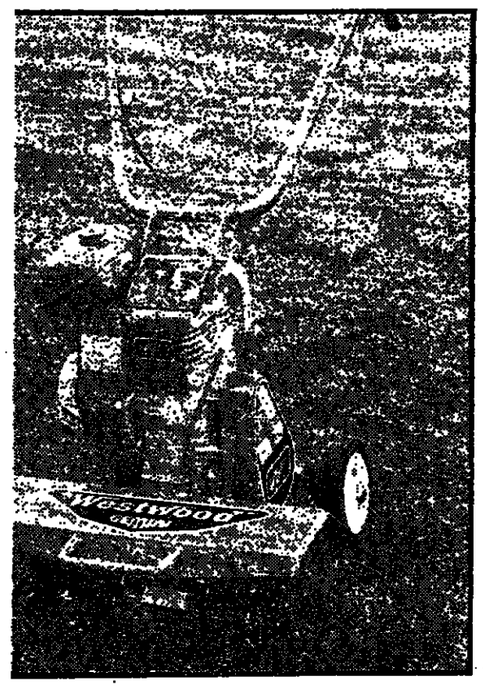
But to return to the autumn scene, the lovely white or pink anemones are delightful. They are varieties of *Anemone hybrida* sometimes catalogued as *A. japonica* or *A. elegans*. Again these plants seem to do better on fairly heavy soil. On my light soil at Hurtmore they took several years to establish themselves and really earn their keep.

I have received a charming letter from the Potato Marketing Board enclosing a copy of the "British Potato Wall Chart". Illustrated in colour it describes six early varieties and ten main crop potatoes. The varieties are given a star rating from one to four to indicate their behaviour when boiled, mashed, jacket baked, roasted with meat, chipped or sauté or for salad use. The good old "King Edward" has collected the top ratings, with the recently introduced Desirée running a very close second.

They do emphasize the point, however, which I made recently, that the same varieties of potatoes vary in their cooking qualities considerably because of different soils, cultivations and weather conditions, but the assessment may be looked upon as a good general guide.

The wall chart contains other useful advice and will be sent free on request to the Potato Marketing Board, 50 Hans Crescent, Knightsbridge, London, SW1X 0NB. The board would, however, appreciate it if you would send a 7p stamp.

Roy Hay



Times Gardening Offer

Many a gardener has asked me whether a motor cultivator would be a worthwhile investment. They or their wives, probably, were doubtful if the garden was large enough to justify the expenditure on a cultivator. The real criteria however are: What work can a versatile machine with various attachments relieve you of or enable you to do with minimum physical effort and with the saving of much time? Or will it save you hiring a part time gardener (if you can find one) because you can do the work yourself or if you cannot will it save *him* time and thus save you money? On these counts this powerful, yet light and easily operated cultivator passes with flying colours and by today's standards is cheap.

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Apart from times of seasonal gluts I doubt if soft fruits will ever be any cheaper because of increasing costs of labour, fuel rates, fertilizers and everything else. So it may be well worthwhile planting a few soft fruits. Even in quite a small garden you can get an acceptable yield of soft fruits and gooseberries will thrive in the shade. The loganberries and the blackberries, both thornless varieties, may be grown against a wall or fence and take up very little room. Even the gooseberries, as I have often mentioned can be trained up as single or multiple cordons against a wall or fence six feet or more high.

The fruits for the offer have been chosen because they give heavy yields and are of good flavour. The autumn fruiting raspberry will give a crop this autumn, the strawberry will start fruiting in August and the other fruits will begin to give a crop next year. The varieties are raspberry "Admiral" a new mid-season variety resistant to aphis borne virus disease; raspberry "Zeva" which will begin to crop in July and will fruit again in September or October. Plant raspberries two feet apart and allow four feet between rows.

The "Oregon Thornless" blackberry produces large berries in heavy clusters and the thornless loganberry can yield up to 10-15lb of fruit on a plant. Allow 10 feet between loganberry and six feet between blackberry plants.

The "Gento" strawberry is one of the remontant or perpetual fruiting varieties and will produce fruits this year from August to October. The berries are large, wedge-shaped, crimson and of good flavour. The runners also carry fruits while still attached to the parent plants. Plant the strawberries 12in apart in rows 12½ft apart.

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Tories must foot the bill for liberty

This has been another frustrating week for the Opposition. It augured well enough. There was the rousing speech last Saturday by Mrs Thatcher to the party's local councillors. Then the week's theme could hardly have been better set than in *The Abuse of Power*, title of James Margach's gripping memoirs being serialized in *The Sunday Times*. There followed the Opposition's onslaught on the Government's alleged abuse of discretionary power in pay policy and the black-listing of recalcitrant firms. Even the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments broke out of its abstruse sounding background to report incisively on the Executive's seeking to "by-pass Parliament", and its "cynical disregard of the rights of the subject". Yet the weekends with discussion in newspapers, and among Conservative MPs, of the ineffectiveness of Mrs Thatcher's shadow Cabinet, or, depending on the viewpoint, of Mrs Thatcher's obstructors.

The man who wrecked the Tories' impact is not to be found in Westminster cabals. He is, of course, Mr Joe Gormley, president of the National Union of Mineworkers who miraculously, if truculently, delivered the miners this side of the Government's 10 per cent pay guideline, or so we are assured.

At a stroke, it suddenly looked as if the end justified the Government's disputed means, call it arm twisting or arbitrary power. Conquering *inflation is currently the sole device* the Government will permit on the socialist banner. And although ministers insist that everything, but everything, they do is legal and lawful, and that they would never argue ends justifying means, here was evidence that Mr Callaghan's firm stand against workers and firms alike brought results.

The miners who defied all in 1973-74 were now within 10 per cent —and so was the inflation rate, for the first time since then, crowed Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection. Would not the Tories just once say they were happy to see the inflation rate down? he taunted them.

Their answer has to be a qualified "yes, but . . . ". Just because the Government is succeeding now cannot mean that all have unquestioningly to acquiesce in its pronouncements that it is going about it the right way. "It ain't what you do it's the way that you do it", surely counts even more in democracy than the old song suggests.

The fact that the Government this week has been bold enough—Conservatives would say brazen enough—to introduce new contract clauses threatening to penalize pay-guideline breakers, still does not make the way they are doing it more right than when it was implicit.

It is, of course, politically understandable that a minority government will seek the best means it can to govern. It knows that it could not hope to get any form of statutory pay policy past its own left wing, let alone the rest of the House. So it was almost inevitable that it would try extending the ancient British vagueness of "discretionary power". Having made no bones of its wish last summer to continue into a third phase of "voluntary" wage restraint, its slide, once the unions refused to go along, into discretionary restraint was also inevitable.

But the fundamental issue here must be taken up again and again. It is simply that governments cannot be taken on trust because—at its most optimistic—they turn out trustworthy, or "successful". The issue happens to fit too closely with the Tory accusation that this Government is simply not to be trusted because of its record of playing fast and loose with parliamentary and practice, not to say petty cheating. Its legacy, as was heavily pointed out in last Tuesday's debate, is not encouraging. The Government is accident prone in the wrong legal presumptions made in such cases as television licences, Tameside and Skytrain.

But for all the Tory thunder, it was a Labour backbencher, Mr Kilroy-Silk, who put it most poignantly in last week's debate. "It is a really dangerous precedent for the Government to use discretionary powers in this way because these powers could be used in really dangerous ways by a future Conservative government", he lamented.

The Tories, however, did make some very strong points in challenging the arbitrary nature of the Government's current practices. It is odd that it took them so long to get to this debate. The suggestion that it was only because of publicity for Sun Alliance's pensions problem is disputed by informed Conservatives. They say it was *because* of Sun Alliance that the issue was delayed, suggesting that the large insurance firm wanted to avert publicity at all costs—as most firms have done so.

However, now the Tories' blood is up and the attempt—at the risk of trying to keep one issue simmering for more than the customary presumed attention span—is to be made again next Monday to pillory the Government in its excesses.

Mr Callaghan makes it very difficult, of course. He insists, only in the broadest sense, that he is accountable to Parliament, and it can "back us or sack us".

Given the election atmosphere there is little question that the Government will be intent on reducing the debate to a partisan slapstick level as it did so well last Monday. But the Conservatives, many of their own troops feel, still have a duty to bring home the simple truth. Corny though it sounds, eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty. The Government may win, and try claiming, for the second week running, that Parliament has somehow endorsed its non-statutory discretion. But that would only be a distraction.

The love-affair with Radio 3

Almost the most surprising aspect of Radio 3 is the size of its audience: some five million listeners tune to it at least once a week, a patronage figure of greater significance than asking how many people listen to a particular programme. When you consider that over half of this audience listen to the network on a medium wave which does not reach all parts of the United Kingdom, this number of listeners is very remarkable.

A slight majority of those listeners are men; a greater majority prefer orchestral music to any other kind, and all of them in their phone calls, letters and other forms of support manifest a love for this network which I have not seen equalled in other forms of broadcasting in 25 years of varied experience. Professor Tom Burns wonders, in his greatly stimulating book about the BBC, how one could "love" that institution any more than one could love Parliament or the Post Office. He might have had to qualify that opinion if he had asked to scan Radio 3 listener correspondence.

All the same, a sense of proportion is needed. Radio 3's audience *is*, comparatively speaking, small. Over two thirds of listeners listen mostly to Radios 1 and 2. Although every one of us has tastes and interests that make us join a majority audience now and a minority audience a couple of hours later, I believe that public service broadcasting requires the simultaneous satisfaction of both majority and minority audiences. The existence of a flat licence fee—*and that fee is still far and away* the best method to finance any decent public service broadcasting system—means in effect that millions of licence holders will pay for services that may not greatly interest them and which they may not often use. Radio 3 cannot thus afford to sound as if it were content to address itself to audiences which could be described as culturally blessed, because such a policy could be economically interpreted as a transfer of income from the less to the more privileged sections of our community. It is the necessary, and complementary, existence of Radios 1, 2, 4 and BBC local radio which makes it socially possible for Radio 3 to address itself to its task with confidence.

The BBC has always treated and pride. The real threats to Radio 3 stem, I believe, from two opposed, but often-voiced strands of opinion. There are those who argue that the BBC should concentrate on that which it does best (ie its services to minorities) and leave the satisfaction of majority tastes to commercial interests.

This argument was voiced in the late 1950's when commercial television was temporarily in the ascendant. Had the BBC wavered then I doubt whether it could have gone on to produce "Civilisation". "America" and "War and Peace" a decade or so later. These series were literally "protected" by Alf Garnett and Steptoe.

Lately a variant to that old *commercial warhorse has* been put up by Tim Rathbone, MP, in these very columns, when he argued that both BBC and commercial local radio should be expanded, on condition that the BBC's investment in local radio should not come from a raised licence fee, but from a withdrawal of funds at present devoted to Radios 1 and 2. This will sound very plausible to the ordinary reader and listener, until he is again reminded that Radio 1 and Radio 2 provide the majority audience shield for all domestic BE radio services and that a lowering of that shield wou immeasurably strengthen cor mercial radio interests an weaken the BBC's capacity appeal to majorities as well to minorities.

A second challenge to Rad 3's present programme poli is often put forward by pop lists who sincerely believe th the greatest cultural good the greatest number coincid with the satisfaction of the own cultural tastes a passions. Almost invariab these populists have no peop behind them. If, for examp Radio 3 were to increase transmissions of jazz pr grammes substantially, in su stitution for concerts classical music, there would a catastrophic fall in audience Neither on television nor radio has jazz, particularly co temporary jazz, ever prov popular. It remains th inescapable duty of the BBC encourage and promote th music, but any plea on behalf based on a concern f Radio 3's comparatively sm audiences is bogus. The wate between the Scylla of speci minority pleading and th Charybdis of unrepresentati populism are happily very wi indeed and allow the good sh Radio 3 to sail through witho noticeable damage to its woo work.

Many weaknesses remain. Th network ought to be able broadcast beyond midnight a cannot afford to at present; is difficult to provide a balanc cultural output in four even hours from Mondays to Frida *when the length of a sing* important concert relay is least two hours. The Open Un versity needs extended broa casting exposure and a way length where it can operate times of its own choosing; present Radio 3 cannot ad quately satisfy the needs music lovers in the early eve ings. Judged by the decisi criteria of how an appallin scarcity of means is devoted a startling multiplicity of pu poses, however, Radio 3 h been able to keep its end u fairly well.

The wavelength changes co ing on November 23 present a our domestic services with the greatest opportunity sin "Broadcasting in the Seve ties". The national regions w have their own networks, Rad 4 will thrive under the challen of a nationwide audience long wave, and the balance good audibility for Radios 2 and 3 will, when measure over the entire United Kingdom tilt towards a sizable plu Nevertheless, geography bound to create losers as well winners. We will endeavour help all our listeners with the means at our command: at the best disinterested advi right now for every one of is to make sure we have lon wave, mediumwave and VH facilities on our set or sets Radio 3 will change its mediu wave to the present Radio mediumwave on 247 metres 1215 KHz and thus will not, a seems widely thought, lose it mediumwave capability al though as a constant listene myself I cannot stress enough how closely high technica quality listening is bound u with VHF.

All in all, this does not seer the moment either for smu self-satisfaction or the donnin of broadcasting sackcloth an ashes. We might and could d a lot better, if we were give the financial means.

Stephen Hearst

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Paper tigresses

Whenever a group of women get together and start something specifically *for* women, someone invariably asks: why just women? Why do you have to discriminate in their favour? The question was asked when Virago became the first feminist publishing house in England a few years ago. It is bound to be asked again this month when The Women's Press launches its first five books. If the authors are good enough to be published, so the argument runs, then why can't they be produced by one of the dozens of existing publishers?

The answer of course is that they could be. Any book on the Virago or The Women's Press list could perfectly well hold its own with books published by Collins or Hutchinson. But there is a great difference in approach. The feminist publishing houses not only enable women for the first time to be wholly responsible themselves as publishers; they also believe that a publishing house sympathetic to the women's movement will commission and reprint books that might otherwise never see the light of day at all.

The attitude is perhaps best summed up by Carmen Callil, who founded Virago: "As E. P. Thompson said, history is not about kings and queens. It's about how people lived. We want to tell women about their own history". Or by Stephanie Dowrick of the Women's Press: "We question traditional thinking on various subjects, traditional thinking being male thinking. We want to ask: what was women's thinking on that?"

That there is room for a feminist publishing house in this country—there are at least three flourishing women's publishers in America, and several in Europe—seems to have been established beyond doubt by the history of Virago. Carmen Callil was running her own publicity company for books when together with two other women in publishing and fired by what they saw happening in America, they asked Quartet books for backing for a new publishing house specifically for women writers. It was 1973. The three women—Carmen Callil, Ursula Owen and Harriet Spicer—became owners of the company; Quartet agreed to pay an editorial fee for each book taken on. They decided to call the company Virago—as a joke, though the reaction to the name was apparently overwhelming.

And then Virago branched out on their own. In their first year they brought out 10 books —nine are selling well, having almost reached the end of their first printing (which is somewhere between five and 10 thousand copies). This year they plan 20 new books.

It was in fact Virago's departure from Quartet that made the second feminist house possible. Stephanie Dowrick and Sibyl Grundberg, both of them, like the Virago directors, women with impressive publishing credentials, are themselves now being backed by Quartet, who own 51 per cent of the shares of The Women's Press. They commission, edit and design the books; Quartet prints and distributes them. The emphasis on professional is important: there is nothing amateur about either group. It shows in the jackets, the blurbs and the publicity.

Good design is rated very highly by both of them. "It was a rebellion against the tradition that if a book is political, somehow it must look rugged and home-made" says Stephanie Dowrick. Both Virago and The Women's Press produce mainly paperbacks, modelled on the French ones; and they are determined to keep their prices low, but not at the expense of the writers. There is no question of trading on women's "goodwill". Royalties are the same as everywhere else. At between £1.00 and £1.50 the Women's Press are slightly cheaper than Virago, whose books start at £1.50.

Coming second, The Women's Press will benefit from the fact that Virago, largely, Carmen Callil believes, because of their emphasis on social history, has already made the notion of feminist publishing respectable. From the start other publishers volunteered their help. But in the early days Virago suffered from a deep-rooted feeling among reviewers that there was something fishy about the product. "It was a little like being a Catholic" says Carmen Callil (who is one), "Or like Mary Whitehouse writing a book about abortion."

It is too soon to speculate whether two such similar schemes can co-exist. Stephanie Dowrick makes the point that there is no saturation point for good books. She is of course right. But there might well be one for, say, handbooks of self help. The two also have a slightly different approach to fiction. Three of The Women's Press first books are novels. But Virago has until now steered clear of fiction altogether (though this year they are starting the Virago modern classics). Carmen Callil is somewhat sceptical about modern feminist fiction. Apart from not knowing just what it is, she says, there is far less reason with fiction for a writer not to go to an ordinary publisher, where there is an established name and more money.

If both houses publish ordinary lists (and both do, or will, covering everything from children's books to biography) in what does their feminism lie? Apart from the obvious fact that the books are written by women, and the publishers are women, the difference lies mainly in style and emphasis. To start with there is the relationship between author and publisher: both women said to me that they worked far closer with their writers, involving them at very stage of production.

Both also say that a new sort of book emerges from this focus on feminism: who thought to produce a book on women artists before? And that when they reissue novels long out of print, they are seen in a new way. "Publishing" says Carmen Callil "deals with culture, and women are a separate culture". Stephanie Dowrick adds that inexperienced writers can be helped by the collective, and that they have a freedom to experiment they would not find elsewhere. Blurbs and jackets are designed not publicize the personality, but the work. All this is certainly true. Even if many of the things they mention can be confused with the benefits that *come from being a small organization* where everyone knows each other well, the sympathy and interest that women have for *other* women needs no questioning. And both Carmen Callil and Stephanie Dowrick are also clearly enjoying the fact that in these ventures women are seen to be doing things for themselves, professionally, successfully, in a world to this day completely dominated by men.

Caroline Moorehead

Ayes For King and Country

● On February 9, 1933, the Oxford Union debated the motion "That this House will in no circumstances fight for its King and Country". George Angeloglou, one of the 275 who voted overwhelmingly for the motion, looks back on the event.

After hearing this week's radio 4 programme, "King and Country—That ill-starred Resolution", one wonders whether it contributed very much to our knowledge of recent history. In a way, the programme was like the Oxford Union motion of 45 years ago; in both cases, too much was made of the motion concerned. To be practical, the Oxford Union motion of 1933 aimed at keeping up the good standards of lively and interesting debate by introducing an important and, at that time, very controversial issue—war. The carnage of the 1914-18 war was still fresh in the minds of the Oxford Union Committee, and of many intelligent undergraduates, when the motion was drafted by, the then Union Librarian, David Graham.

I well remember Dosoo Karaka, who was then the Secretary of the Union, saying to me that the committee played about with the wording of the motion until they got the right explosive mixture!

Dosoo Karaka later became the first Indian President of the Oxford Union. It's a pity that he is no longer with us—he would have added his own special wit to the discussion on the Radio 4 programme which, I thought, was so ably supported by Max Beloff and Frank Hardie.

It is also a pity that Tony Greenwood and Michael Foot could not, for good reasons I am sure, participate in the BBC discussion. They were both Presidents of the Oxford Union, prior to Karaka assuming office, and were deeply involved in the debate of 1933.

Whatever we may say with hindsight, does not alter the fact that the Oxford Union meeting of February 9th, 1933, was just a normal manifestation of good debate, spiced with the high spirits of an idealistic Oxford youth who, at that time, was not willing to be bullied *into another* war by a lot of patriotic flag-waving.

But it is wrong to read into the motion and the debate all the sinister meanings which much of the press and some politicians, including Winston Churchill, attributed to it. It is absurd to suggest, as it was at the time of the debate and again in the Radio 4 discussion, that the motion had an important effect on both Germany and Italy and that Hitler and Mussolini became convinced, after that debate, that Britain would not fight because Britain's youth was soft and decadent!

That is where myth takes over and fact is conveniently forgotten or twisted to suit various political interests—both right and left wing. I think that Professor Max Beloff, rather than Lord Hailsham, hit the nail on the head, in the Radio 4 programme, when he said. "At the time, some people were looking for scapegoats in order to cover up their own failings and omissions". The importance of the debate was exaggerated beyond its scope or meaning. The youth of Oxford was against war, but no one would be so naive as to believe that the entire Nazi policy was reshaped because of the Oxford Union debate!

If we wish to be objective then surely we must look at other, much more vital, events of those days. For example, the failure of the World Disarmament Conference in 1933; Italy's attack on Abyssinia; the Spanish Civil War; Britain's attitude that "Herr Hitler could reasonably do what he liked in his own country", and even outside his own country, until finally, in 1938, we came to the final folly—Munich.

So, to say the least, it is absurd and naive to read too much into the Oxford "King and Country" debate.

Perhaps *The Times* of Monday, February 13, 1933, put it slightly more objectively—though in a patronizing manner, which angered many of us who voted with the "Ayes"—in an editorial entitled "Children's Hour". "Critics", wrote *The Times*, "who take the Oxford Union episode tragically, have no real understanding of Oxford or the limited part which the Union plays in its life. . . . There is not the slightest reason to regard its latest resolution as symptomatic of universal decadence."

But one man, Winston Churchill, was disturbed, or so he said, when he announced that he would never again speak in such an assembly. One wonders whether Churchill, who at the time was himself not a very popular figure, was abusing the Oxford Union out of pique for the unpopularity of his own son Randolph Churchill at Oxford. Randolph Churchill incidentally failed to get the motion of "King and Country" expunged from the Union's minute book.

It is also interesting to recall that in 1935 the Oxford Union staged a mock trial of Winston Churchill before the Court for the Suppression of Current Menaces, "in that Churchill constituted and constitutes a menace to the world". Michael Foot prosecuted and Churchill was condemned. Dosoo Karaka, who was then President of the Union sentenced Churchill to be elevated to the peerage! And yet this debate did not receive much press publicity nor did those concerned in the debate receive white feathers!

The point I am making, is that the Oxford Union has often tabled unorthodox and controversial motions in order to infuse into its debates good argument, humour, wit and occationally impish undergraduate fun.

And that's how one should assess the motion of 45 years ago; not as a tragedy of the 1930s youth, but as a healthy, manly recation that young people must go through and which is bound to be directed against established conventions. Today of course youth resorts to violence as well, which in our days was considered degrading and uncivilized.

Lastly, it is important to remember the ironical fact that many of those 275 undergraduates *who voted with the* "Ayes" and many others who had no opportunity to vote on February 9, 1933, went to fight Nazi Germany, and later Japan.

The only tragic fact is this: not that youth revolts against too much conformity, but that finally, like the hero in an ancient Greek tragedy, who submits to the immanent laws or conditions of human existence, youth must inexorably obey or perish and in some cases obey *and* perish?

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Why the Jesuits took on 'witch-hunt' McCarthy

With Watergate and its aftermath occupying the attention of novelists and television producers, the much earlier scandals of the McCarthy era have been left to historians. Senator Joseph McCarthy was a practising Roman Catholic. An article in a recent edition of the highly respected journal *Church History* (September 1977) has thrown new light upon the Senator's links with a particular religious order within the Roman Catholic Church, the Society of Jesus. Although the purpose of the article is entirely expository, it highlights the dilemma confronting superiors of the Society when individual Jesuits take a stand on moral issues which have, as so many of them do, political consequences.

McCarthy was not quite 22 when, in 1930, he entered the Jesuit-run Marquette University in his home state of Wisconsin to study engineering. He changed his course to law, and graduated in 1935. He had been, the priests later recalled, faithful to his religious duties and deferential to the clergy. After graduation he joined the Republican Party, and in 1939 became a state judge. In 1946 he was elected Senator.

His first three years in Washington were unremarkable. With elections looming he was, in 1950, looking for a cause to espouse. It may have been one of his Jesuit friends, Fr Edmund Walsh of Georgetown University, who first suggested to him the idea of an anti-Communist crusade. This story was first reported by the columnist Drew Pearson in the *Washington Post* on March 14, 1950. It has a certain plausibility: Walsh was well known for his alarm at the spread of international Communism, though much less interested in the home-based variety, and he had dined with the Senator in January, just a month before McCarthy launched his campaign at a meeting of a Republican Women's Club.

The article in *Church History* finds Pearson's allegation not proven. The author, Donald Crosby, is himself a Jesuit. He has talked to people involved, including some of Walsh's friends, and searched through the archives of the Society of Jesus. Mr Crosby evidently doubts the Walsh story, although he can come to no firm conclusion as to its accuracy. He has, however, unearthed a good deal of additional information about McCarthy's relationship with the society, and in particular with its weekly magazine, *America*.

Published in New York since 1909, *America* is as much concerned with current affairs at home and abroad as it is with ecclesiastical matters—perhaps more so. When, on February 9, 1950, McCarthy claimed that he *had a list of 205 (later revised* down to 57) people sympathetic to Communism who influenced State Department policy, the magazine was critical, but only mildly so. McCarthy's charges, it said, were "pretty irresponsible". None the less, the State Department was in need of investigation.

For two years the magazine avoided taking issue with the junior Senator from Wisconsin. In 1952, however, during the Presidential campaign, McCarthy claimed, brandishing a copy of the *Daily Worker*, that the Communist Party supported the candidature of Adlai Stevenson. The editor of *America*, Fr Robert Hartnett, S.J. was a committed Stevenson supporter. In the pages of his magazine he coldly demonstrated that the charge was fraudulent. it was "a cheap stunt". McCarthy replied with a blistering attack upon the paper's policy, claiming that, as an "ardent Catholic" he and his anti-Communist cause were being betrayed by those whom he had hitherto respected.

America kept up its attack on McCarthy and his methods for two years, despite repeated appeals by the Senator to Hartnett's superiors to have him silenced. The Jesuit weekly was not the only Catholic voice to oppose McCarthy, but for the most part American Catholics were sympathetic to the anti-Communist crusade.



Senator Joseph McCarthy: a Catholic fury

McCarthy was a Roman Catholic with a national standing. An anti-Communist crusade was not only identifiably Catholic, it was also patriotic. Catholic support for the Senator was overwhelming.

In the face of such support Hartnett found it difficult to maintain his opposition. By March, 1954, *America*'s anti-McCarthy line was beginning to soften, though not enough to stifle the barage of criticism which was being directed by Catholics, and by other Catholic journals, against the Jesuit magazine. Then, in flagrant breach of a direct Presidential order, McCarthy publicly accepted classified information from a serving officer. In an editorial, Hartnett accused the Senator of overthrowing the rule of law in the United States, and undermining the Presidency.

The fury of right-wing Catholics knew no bounds. Some took refuge in the (probably correct) belief that the views expressed by *America* were not typical of the majority of American Jesuits. Pressure was once more brought upon the Jesuit Provincials—the superiors of the Society in the United States—to have Hartnett removed from office. There were abusive telephone calls and cancelled subscriptions. A shot was fired at one Jesuit residence in New York.

This time the pressure worked. The editorial had been published on May 22. A week later Hartnett was ordered to stop his attacks upon McCarthy. This directive, said the Jesuit Provincials, was to remain secret.

Hartnett protested. The directive, he argued, could not remain secret indefinitely, and when its existence was known the fact that it was issued would be damaging to the image of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States because it was contrary to freedom of thought and expression. His arguments were persuasive. Although a rather tighter degree of censorship was to be imposed, the Provincials agreed to lift their total ban.

But at this point the Jesuit authorities in Rome intervened. The Superior General, Fr J. B. Janssens, wrote to say that he was extremely disturbed by events in the United States. Jesuit opponents of *America*'s line had written to other papers condemning it. This public expression of disagreement among members of the Society was a source of deep grief to the Superior General. He blamed *America* for engaging in disputes among Catholics. Hartnett, Fr Janssens informed the Provincials, was to withdraw from the dispute immediately. The order was passed on to Hartnett, who accepted it. From June 1954 until the Senator's death in 1957, McCarthy might not have existed as far as *America* was concerned.

A year after Fr Janssens' letter, Hartnett resigned as editor.

The McCarthy era now seems a particularly discreditable period in recent American history. From a vantage point of a quarter of a century the Jesuit magazine and its editor can receive credit for their opposition to the Senator's bullying tactics, and their defiance of conservative Catholic opinion, both inside and outside the Society. Had the Jesuit superiors held out just a little longer they too might have shared the credit. Ironically they gave way just at the moment when events were beginning to turn against McCarthy, and when his increasing ill-health was preventing him from playing any further major part in the politics of the United States.

Early in 1954, however, the affair presented Jesuit superiors with enormous problems. McCarthy had massive Roman Catholic support, and the stand against him by *America* had created divisions within the Society which were no doubt disedifying. Jesuits are urged by their Constitutions as far as possible to "think alike and speak alike"—and they are also warned not to take sides on issues which are a source of discord among Catholics. Although they had withstood the pressure for so long, the Jesuit Provincials bearing these considerations in mind had little choice. They at first temporarily wilted and then, on instructions from Rome, entirely capitulated.

The story is not without its present-day parallels, as the letter page of this paper, among others, frequently bears witness. Harmett's courageous opposition to McCarthy might well serve as a fable for our time.

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is, now, very unpopular European Community. ws over fishing and the pound" seem to have it straws that have broken atience of our fellow s, already strained by bility to meet the agreed e for European elections. ade recently launched a attack saying that "the when they are not ing discussion, are ask special treatment. . . . ue is whether the British ly to respect the treaties. n we go on like this?" t Germany the mood is hing even sourer. The s have a deep political ment to Europe. They en almost model members ves (unlike the French), are strong advocates of entry. They feel not only d but also let down by ey see as Britain's dis and disrespectful attitude ommunity.

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s a spirited defence. He that a lot of cant is and that some people t adjusted to the qualita ange brought about by nent. He is also right tain has very real special s to defend, especially in (though there are fewer fishermen than French so he might have drawn arguments from the r conservation). Moreover there has never been any noticeable reluctance on the part of other members to defend special interests, especially when facing strong domestic pressures.

Nevertheless, there is some right on the other side too. It is partly a matter of style. People are now calling the British the new Gaullists of Europe, and it may be that some Britons have been tempted to emulate what they enviously regard as the successful tactics of the country which for so long kept Britain out. But the label is misapplied in at least three respects. First, there is no anti-Americanism in British postures. Secondly, Britain is not against further enlargement. Thirdly, the French are peculiarly skilful at presenting a defence of their national interest as a defence of European interests. Britons lack this skill, though Dr Owen made a brave try when he claimed to be clearing away out-dated attitudes. Britain's self-interest usually stands more nakedly exposed, and it finds less sympathy now that North Sea oil is flowing and the balance of payments is improving.

The basic trouble is the political atmosphere in this country. Pro-Europeans still feel on the defensive. They know that large sections of public opinion are hostile, sceptical or merely indifferent to Europe. They know that British actions in Brussels must often be justified in Parliament not by whether they promote European interests but by whether they defend British interests against the threatening incursions of the Europeans. Decisions must therefore be justified in more nationalistic terms than in West Germany, for instance, where it is still regarded as virtuous to promote the health and development of the Community, provided West German interests receive due regard.

The question of style must therefore be given some thought. Britain is likely to get less sympathetic consideration from other members if her demands are seen as symptoms of a hostile or destructive attitude rather than as exceptions to the general rule of cooperation. Beyond this it is more important still not to lose sight of Europe's wider tasks and perspectives. Although the original postwar impulse towards a federal Europe has largely worn off, the basic reasons for European unity remain and have been joined by more. The German problem has not been wholly or finally solved. In the short term it is not good for Europe if the Germans feel as unloved and worried as they do now as they contemplate developments in France and Italy, unpredictability (as they see it) in Washington, stresses in East Germany and elsewhere in eastern Europe, and a wobbling of European ideals in Britain. In the much longer term it cannot be ruled out that Europe will one day have to face the problem of a reunited Germany (which incidentally is another reason for further enlargement of the Community).

Meanwhile European cohesion is going to become more important in the face of new trends in world trade. The growing ability of developing countries to produce high-quality consumer goods such as television sets at very low prices is putting in question many of the basic assumptions about free trade. A strong Europe is going to be in a better position than individual nations to cope with this problem without rushing straight into stifling protectionism. When Britain joined Europe her friends hoped that she would bring not only her democratic traditions but also her experience in world affairs. Instead she has been solely responsible for postponing European elections and has seemed in some respects to be becoming more insular than ever. European criticisms are somewhat exaggerated but they are not incomprehensible.

EN DO CHILDREN NOTICE COLOUR?

children are little by differences of race ur, so the best contribu primary school teachers e to good race relations nore those differences. the conventional wisdom, he assumption is correct e conclusion is reason children are getting on h each other there is no teachers indulging in a fficious benevolence, and ow there has been it reason for believing st children of different ve been happy enough ch other at the primary n their report on the dian community a year r example, the Select ee on Race Relations migration quoted with nt a witness who to "the good relation ich takes place in the school" for some reason down in the first year t secondary school. That e the committee and her observers believed problem to lie.

ow a project team at the Foundation for Educa Research have produced four-year investigation r horrifying picture of e in primary schools. The report offers a succession of quotations indicating hatred, contempt, ignorance and the occasional patronizing kindness on the part of white children; and a pathetic sense of inferiority among black and Asian children. If this is a true reflection of attitudes—if it is an indication of how a significant minority think and feel, never mind a majority—then it destroys what has been the general assumption until now and ought to provoke a thorough reappraisal of how teachers should approach race relations in primary schools.

But is it a true reflection? It is hard to be sure because it is not possible to judge the strength of the evidence on which the report is based. To say this is not to doubt the authenticity of the quotations, but what one needs to know is how representative these quotations are. This uncertainty is no justification whatsoever for failing to publish the report. It is most regrettable that the Foundation and the Schools Council, whose approval is required before the report can be published, have not yet decided to publish it in full. Evidence does not have to be conclusive before it is worthy of publication. This report is material evidence—and if the Foundation and the Schools Council do not accept that it is, they need to explain why they have been financing a team for four years who are not capable of coming up with evidence that is even relevant, whether or not it is conclusive.

The picture presented in the report may well turn out to give an accurate impression of how a significant number of children react. Even young children are influenced by the attitudes around them and they live in a society where there is unfortunately a good deal of prejudice. But it is reasonable to ask for corroborative information of one kind or another before reversing established beliefs on race relations in primary schools. If those beliefs do have to be reversed then the first change would need to be in the assumption of teachers that it is right for them to play a passive role. They would have an obligation above all to foster an equality of respect. This could be done not only by the way they treat children of different colours as individuals, but also by taking account of the different backgrounds and problems of the various races as groups.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The politics of race and immigration

From Mr T. L. Iremonger

Sir, Wasn't it rather a degrading spectacle to see on television both the Conservative and the Labour Party caucuses in Ilford North on the eve of a by-election campaign in conclave discussing the problem of immigration in terms of, as was unashamedly admitted, election "tactics"? Fundamental national and constitutional issues being decided not by the parties' official candidates but by, their self appointed local masters?

Frank and intimate as communion with local supporters should ideally be, ought not the Member of Parliament and he alone make such decisions and answer for them to the electorate?

A vociferous minority in my own party caucus in Ilford North objected to my carrying in the Commons the first introduction of a Bill to make incitement to racial hatred a statutory offence, likewise to my campaign to persuade my Conservative council to appoint a community relations officer. Others equally objected to my insistence in three successive election addresses that good race relations depended upon the natives' being reassured that further immigration must stop absolutely. But they recognized that such questions were for decision by me and me alone on principle and not as a matter of election "tactics" by them.

My independence was evidently resented by the caucus for, on the first opportunity, the vote of 35 self appointed individuals decided that my services in their attempt to win back my seat should be rejected in favour of a presumably more docile "Central Office Approved List" official candidate, no matter what the 20,000 odd electors who supported me in 1974 may think about it.

So be it, of course—officially, at any rate. But the implications for the independence of Members of Parliament in such matters as race relations are disturbing.

Yours faithfully,
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February 7.

From Professor F. A. Hayek, FBA

Sir, Nobody who has lived through the rise of the violent anti-semitism which led to Hitler can refuse Mrs Thatcher admiration for her courageous and outspoken warning. When I grew up in Vienna before World War I the established Jewish families were a generally respected group progressively merging with the rest of the population and all decent people would frown upon the occasional anti-Jewish outbursts of a few popular politicians. In fact the only serious nationalistic agitation I can remember from that time was directed against the Czechs who had been streaming into Vienna in large numbers and were beginning to create their own schools.

It was the sudden influx of large numbers of Galician and Polish Jews, fleeing before the invading Russians, which in a short period changed the attitude through a large part of society. They were too visibly different to be readily absorbed in what was still a fairly homogeneous population. I was shocked on my visits to Vienna in the early 1930s to find people who had not long before regarded as indecent any anti-semitic remark (including a good many people of Jewish descent) arguing that, though they detested Hitler, they had to agree with his anti-semitic policies—which, of course, had not yet revealed their most dreadful forms.

It was those recollections, confirmed by much that I observed later elsewhere, which made me write some 10 or 12 years ago without yet being aware of the acuteness of the problem in Britain, what I would like to be permitted to repeat here:

"While I look forward, as an ultimate ideal, to a state of affairs in which national boundaries have ceased to be obstacles to the free movement of men, I believe that within any period with which we can now be concerned, any attempt to realize it would lead to a revival of strong nationalist sentiments and a retreat from positions already achieved.

"However far modern man accepts in principle the ideal that the same rule should apply to all men, in fact he does concede it only to those whom he regards as similar to himself, and only slowly learns to extend the range of those he does accept as his likes. There is little legislation can do to speed up this process and much it may do to reverse it by re-awakening sentiments that are already on the wane."

Whether we can undo the mistakes we have made in the past is another matter. But to be sensible in the future, we must first recognize that they were mistakes.

I am, etc,
F. A. HAYEK,
Urachstrasse 27,
D-7800 Freiburg (Breisgau),

Towards Christian unity

From Mr E. E. Y. Hales

Sir, The Bishop of Southwark (February 9) mentions many beliefs on which Roman Catholics disagree among themselves. But he doesn't mention belief about what happens at the Mass, though that is the belief most relevant to the intercommunion argument. Perhaps he found that there, at the centre of their faith, Roman Catholics were strangely and silently at one in their belief.

Yours faithfully,
E. E. Y. HALES,
Edburton House,
Henfield,
Sussex.
February 9.

From the Right Reverend F. H. West

Sir, After reading the Bishop of Southwark's letter in *The Times* this morning (February 9), I found myself reflecting that, if this is the effect of "Red Flu" upon him, what a good thing it would be if, while still infectious, he attended the next Bishops' Meeting at Lambeth, sat next to each of his episcopal brothers in turn, beginning, if so permitted, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, and so put them all in the way of catching the same complaint well before the end of Lent.

Yours, etc,
FRANK WEST,
11 Castle Street,
Aldbourne,
Marlborough,
Wiltshire.

From Professor K. A. Ballhatchet

Sir, The obstacles to intercommunion are not merely theological. On certain moral issues the Roman Catholic Church has taken an unambiguous decision while the Church of England seems to be undecided. Roman Catholics consider abortion to be a mortal sin. A recent opinion survey revealed that the laity were almost unanimous in this view: it is not a matter about which it can be suggested that the laity are less firm than the clergy. It is therefore inconceivable that an Anglican surgeon or nurse, fresh from committing abortions in a state hospital or private nursing home, could enter a Roman Catholic Church and expect to receive Holy Communion as if they were in an Anglican Church. Such a difference of attitude towards a fundamental issue of morals cannot be treated as a matter of taste or fashion.

Yours faithfully,
K. A. BALLHATCHET,
11 The Mead,
Ealing, W13.
February 8.

From Monsignor H. Wilson

Sir, The discord discovered by the Bishop of Southwark among Roman Catholics cannot be compared to the differences in other religious bodies. Belloc once reassured the old time Empire builders: "Whatever happens we have got, the Maxim gun and they have not", so we can say: "Whatever happens we have got, the Papacy and they have not".

Yours faithfully,
H. WILSON,
Beechwood Convent,
Broadway,
Derby.

From Mr F. L. P. Heyes

Sir, Dr D. J. Watkins (February 8) states that the Roman Catholic Church claims to be uniquely identical with Christ's body on Earth.

Might I suggest he read the document on "The Church" from the second Vatican Council? Here it is said that the Church of Christ "... subsists in the Roman Catholic Church ..." (*De Ecclesia*, paragraph 8) but also that "All those who in faith look towards Jesus, the author of salvation and the principle of unity and peace, God has gathered together and established as the true church, that it may be for each and everyone the visible sacrament of this saving unity" (*De Ecclesia*, paragraph 9).

Can this be said to refer only to Roman Catholics?

Yours faithfully,
F. L. P. HEYES,
The London Hospital Medical College,
Clubs Union Building,
Stepney Way, E1.
Ash Wednesday.

Employees' shares as incentive

From Mr Paul Derrick

Sir, You suggest in your interesting article on February 6 that incentive might be increased in the nationalized industries by an extension of employee shareholding. It may be that experiments along Renault or Volkswagen lines might be attempted by a Conservative Government.

It should be remembered, however, that many members of the Labour Party are less than satisfied with the way in which the nationalized industries operate in Britain and some take the view that working for a nationalized industry is too much like working for a large company. Mr Wilson has suggested that the nationalized industries should be "socialized"; and I should like to suggest that one way of doing this might be by a wider application of cooperative principles.

Employee shareholding may not be the best way of achieving community of interest in industry for some may hold many more shares than others. A cooperative productive society, on the other hand, is run directly in the interests of its worker members. The John Lewis Partnership and the Mondragon cooperatives have shown that this can help to increase incentive and productivity; and Equity Shoes Ltd of Leicester, one of the larger productive societies in membership of the Co-operative Productive Federation, paid a higher bonus on wages last year than did the John Lewis Partnership which paid 18 per cent.

If British Leyland were to be organized along somewhat cooperative lines it might be useful for outside shareholdings to be converted into loan stock or into non-voting shares like those of the John Lewis Partnership and for the workers to be convinced that their earnings and their jobs depended directly upon their efforts. Such a direct incentive might have advantages over an indirect incentive through holdings of transferable ordinary shares. A basic principle of cooperative production is that the return paid on capital is limited and that surpluses are distributed among those whose work has created them.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL DERRICK,
Co-operative Productive Federation Limited,
30 Wandsworth Bridge Road, SW6.
February 7.

From Mr J. R. V. Coutts

Sir, I found the general impact of Derek Ezra's rather bland response (letter, February 9) to Mr Rees-Mogg's article: "Productivity in the Public Sector", depressing. So often one has heard well worn clichés like "there is only one way of solving these problems by management clearly defining them and identifying the possible options". Phrases like these, however nice they may sound, will not solve Mr Ezra's basic problem as to why, in this country, the coal miner does not produce as much as his counterpart in, say, Germany or France. It was a disappointment that the chairman of a leading nationalized industry was not more willing to look positively at the original and constructive suggestions that Mr Rees-Mogg has made.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. V. COUTTS,
The Court Lodge,
Chelsfield,
Kent.
February 9.

Banning potato imports

From Brigadier E. B. Forster

Sir, Following our Government's decision at the end of the EEC transitional period to continue from January 1, 1978 the ban on the import of maincrop potatoes into this country, this action has been fairly widely discussed and commented on in the press, on radio and on television. The view has been frequently expressed that in trying to protect the interests of potato producers in this country, our Government is not really joining in wholeheartedly with the principles and intentions of the Treaty of Rome.

When we joined the Common Market our Treaty of Accession said quite explicitly that where there was no regulation for a commodity and where there was a national organization to control the marketing thereof, the United Kingdom could retain the various controls necessary to perpetuate that national organization until a common regulation was agreed. The Treaty of Rome itself, of course, also said that no country which had a national scheme to control a particular product would be forced to accept a regulation which did not give equivalent benefits to the producers of the commodity in question. That no regulation has as yet been agreed cannot, in any unilateral sense, be attributed to the United Kingdom government and there was certainly no intention that there should be any question of a chaotic void between the end of transition and the introduction of a common regime.

Subsequent to our Treaty of Accession there arrived at the end of 1974 the ruling of the EEC Court of Justice, arising from the "Charmasson Case", that notwithstanding what everybody including the EEC Commission had believed to be the case before, at the end of any transitional period the principles of unrestricted trade must be paramount. It did not apparently matter what governments had intended; legal views must prevail. The purpose of this letter is simply to say that I believe what is important is what governments intended in the first instance. I see no reason why the potato producers and consumers of this country should be messed about in any way by legal interpretations of a situation *ex post facto*, which originally was clear and uncomplicated.

Is this country seriously considering throwing away, in respect of a basic commodity, the stability which our system gives before anything is agreed to take its place and leaving both producers and consumers to the vagaries of a free for all, where the choice lies almost inevitably between paying through the nose for both home supplies and high priced imports or picking up the pieces of producers of a high cost crop forced to sell at give away prices?

Yours faithfully,
E. B. FORSTER, General Manager,
Potato Marketing Board,
50 Hans Crescent, SW1.

Facts about Windscale

From Mr Arthur W. J. Lewis, MP for Newham North West (Labour)

Sir, The Windscale public inquiry was unprecedented in its scope and importance. The freedom and frankness of its openness was the envy of the world. Issues were subjected to the keenest scrutiny that has ever been permitted by any government at any time. In the words of Mr Justice Parker, these issues "matter not only to those alive and residing in the immediate neighbourhood of Windscale, but also to those who live far away and to those who will not be born for many years ahead".

Britain leads the world in its determination to fully confront all the difficulties involved in the nuclear options. The Windscale public inquiry was a manifestation of high responsibility, it showed the world that we care.

I call upon the Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Peter Shore, to publish the report of the Windscale inquiry now. Cautious civil servants and departmental lawyers must be overruled. The report must be published before decisions are made that should be based upon its contents. Parliament and the public must be given time to assimilate the complex facts and arguments surrounding Windscale. In no other way can they fully understand the nature of policy decisions as they are announced.

The Government must not permit a secretive and unimaginative approach to make a mockery of the great achievement of the Windscale public inquiry. When freedom-of-information legislation replaces the Official Secrets Act, the high endeavour of traditional British responsibility and care will no longer suffer degradation by shameful secrecy.

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR LEWIS,
Chairman, Parliamentary All Party Committee for Freedom of Information,
House of Commons.
February 9.

Vaclav Havel

From Mr Michael Kustow and others

Sir, In view of your close coverage of the Czechoslovak human rights movement Charter 77, we were surprised that, along with most of the serious British press, you failed to report the latest events affecting Vaclav Havel.

Havel, probably the leading Czech playwright today, already has a 14-month sentence, suspended for three years, for allegedly damaging the name of the state abroad. On January 28 he and some 200 fellow "Chartists" attempted to enter a railwaymen's ball in Prague. Police prevented them; scuffles broke out during identity checks; another playwright, Pavel Kohout, was knocked unconscious by police; and finally Havel, together with the actor Pavel Landovsky and the musician Jaroslav Kukal, was detained by the police, charged with causing public disorder. As we write the three men are still remanded in prison.

If convicted Havel could face an additional two-year sentence. While appealing on behalf of all three men we make a special request for Vaclav Havel, whose work we know and admire. We ask the Czechoslovak authorities not to punish further a writer whose plays—widely performed in theatres across the world, though banned in Czechoslovakia—represent the civilized and philosophical spirit of his country at its best.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL KUSTOW,
Associate Director, National Theatre,
DEREK NEWARK,
Actor, National Theatre,
TIMOTHY DAVIES,
Actor, National Theatre,
84 Etheldene Avenue, N10.

Swineflesh

From the Reverend P. L. C. Richards

Sir, I remember my grandmother (born 1852) complaining that the butcher had sent her "not pork but pigmeat". The implication was that it came from the wrong sort of pig.

Coverdale's Psalter refers to bullsflesh (Pslam 50 verse 13) but God, it seems did not want it. So Mr Koning (letter February 7) is in good company even if the EEC is not quite as original as he supposes.

Yours &c,
P. L. C. RICHARDS,
The Venns,
Sanigar Lane,
Newtown,
Berkeley,
Gloucestershire.

Maintaining pay guidelines

From Mr Philip B Lawson

Sir, Mr Hattersley states that it is well within the law for the Government to include a covenant in contracts to comply with its guidelines on pay. This may be so but how can it be reconciled with the principle firmly adopted by the Government in such Acts of Parliament as the Unfair Contract Terms Act and the Consumer Credit Act of minimizing injustice arising out of inequality of bargaining power?

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP B. LAWSON,
Stanemore,
Rowe Lane,
Pirbright,
Woking,
Surrey
February 9.

Future of English cricket

From Mr Oliver Popplewell, QC

Sir, Mr Subba Row's judgment (February 9) on cricketing matters always commands respect (even if he did run me out once in the University Match!)—but while negotiations and compromise are normally much to be commended, it is impossible to see how much further the authorities can go, even though they can now speak from a position of strength.

For English cricket there are two immediate problems—the county matches this summer and the Australian tour in the winter. The counties have been allowed to make their own decision in the attitude they adopt to the Packer players but it would be quite unreal not to recognize that the strength of feeling among the majority of county players and cricket lovers is likely to manifest itself even more forcibly before the season is over, whatever discussion there may be.

Next winter England visit Australia. The arrangements for this have been known for a long time. At the same time Mr Packer will be operating in direct and deliberate competition. Both cannot contain the same players.

The only practical area of compromise is for those English and Australian players good enough for the Test series to be released by Mr Packer, but they would have to be available for the whole tour. No doubt if Mr Packer is willing he will notify the authorities. Until then I believe they should stand firm and beware the siren song of compromise.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER POPPLEWELL,
2 Crown Office Row,
Temple, EC4.
February 9.

el changes

M. J. Tooley

ough I would support Mr er's comment (February 6) lictions of coastal flooding acular and alarmist, I must ot that the geological f the recent past contains cal evidence of very rapid l rises, accomplished in a t time. For example, I have a rise of sea level of seven uring this interglacial, that mplished during a period years in length. Such surge na appear to be associated disintegration of ice sheets been recorded from other ials.

ould be unwise therefore ake note of the warnings Dr Mercer (January 26), rly as the development of ng low lying coasts has d and makes the prospect dation a more appalling

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as More's motives

Robert Kahn

r excellent tribute to Sir More (February 7) warrants ortant qualification. Many Catholics are now happy to h the Dean of Westminster e Reformation was not a mistake from which we need "rescued" for it is right to at "the unity that is to never be, ought not to be, that once was". However, mentor also claims that Sir More was basically "assertinal right of the individual e to authenticate itself" in the face of secular power "which seemed omnipotent". Admittedly this is also the view popularized by Robert Bolt in *A Man for All Seasons*.

Thomas More himself did not see his conscience as self-authenticating. On the contrary he made his judgments on the basis of a careful analysis of the facts of Henry VIII's situation; and More trusted in faith that his conscience was at one with God's will. In making Thomas More a saint the Roman Catholic Church (as well as historians with no links to Roman Catholicism) have "authenticated" More's judgment of the King's situation and of More's relationship to the King.

Your leader refers to "the primacy of conscience" which is perhaps appropriate in the context that Sir Thomas More did indeed believe, in his autonomy to make his own decisions and form his own life; but he also believed in a divinely ordered life of which conscience was only a small part in the midst of prayer, activity and friendship. We would do well to recognize that Sir Thomas More's continuing influence is due not solely to his conscience, but to his faith in Christ's relevance to the world.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT KAHN, Director,
The Catholic Housing Aid Society,
189a Old Brompton Road, SW5.
February 8.

From Mr G. L. Wilde

Sir, Why omit all scientists from your choice of exemplary Englishmen (and women) named in your leader of February 7 on Sir Thomas More? Has any Englishman contributed more to our understanding of the universe than Sir Isaac Newton, and has any, as a Member of Parliament, spoken less in the House of Commons? Does he not deserve a place on both counts?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE WILDE,
5 Townsend Drive,
St Albans,
Hertfordshire.

Nazi-Soviet pact

From Mr Louis Allen

Sir, Your second report on the Leeds history seminar on "Secret intelligence and modern politics" (February 6) quotes Professor Dilks as saying "the Foreign Office was not aware, in any detail, of the Nazi-Soviet pact until it was announced in August, 1939". It's not clear what the parenthetic "in any detail" covers, but Intelligence must surely have given indications of a possible Nazi-Soviet rapprochement from the late spring of 1939.

I say this because the French intelligence service had a source on the German staff, a former colonel of the Austrian army, who had offered his services to the French assistant air attaché, Captain Paul Stehlin. The colonel used as intermediary a young Frenchman who gave his family French lessons, and he told Stehlin that Nazi-Soviet negotiations were going on. Stehlin already had an inkling of this—and so took the report seriously—from the German General Bodenschatz, a deputy of Goering's, who told him, in the course of a conversation in the German Air Ministry, that Hitler intended to solve the problem of Poland by bringing the USSR over to his side. "There have already been three partitions of Poland" he confided to Stehlin "believe me, you're going to see a fourth!" The date of the conversation was April 30, 1939.

Stehlin reported his two sources, but the French Air Ministry merely rapped him over the knuckles and told him to confine his attentions to purely military considerations. Coulondre, the French Ambassador, did however convey what Stehlin had said to the Quai d'Orsay. The Foreign Minister refused to believe it. It seems that what happened was the not unfamiliar story of the *users* of intelligence, not the suppliers, being at fault.

Yours sincerely,
LOUIS ALLEN
Department of French,
University of Durham,

Trains in the blizzard

From Mr Donald S. Massie

Sir, As an example of the temperate climate (Director-General of the Meteorological Office, February 9) I found travelling conditions by train to the north-east of Scotland surprisingly easy and pleasant at the time the blizzard had parts of the Highlands snowbound. Trains, well heated with buffets serving hot refreshments, conveyed me via Glasgow and Aberdeen by the coastal route after an overnight journey from Euston. These trains were not only running; they were arriving at their destinations on time, and in some cases minutes early.

British Rail (Scotland) deserve a bouquet for getting trains through on time in midwinter; for getting them to their destinations before their scheduled time of arrival, when the Highland lines were closed by snowdrifts between Perth and Inverness and points further north, is surely praiseworthy indeed.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD S. MASSIE,
94 Tubbenden Lane,
Orpington, Kent.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 10: His Excellency Señor Dr Jaime Garcia-Parra was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Colombia to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Señorita Ninón Millán (Counsellor), Señor Dr Fernando Corredor (Economic Counsellor), Señor Dr Juan Manuel Sántos (Counsellor), Señor Dr Alfonso Arango-Currea (First Secretary), Señora Leonor Alvarez de Toro (Second Secretary) and Señor Luis Carlos Eusse (Commercial Attache).

Señora de Garcia-Parra had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr C. L. Booth was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Rangoon.

Mrs Booth had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Lord Croham had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Head of the Home Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Civil Service Department.

The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning for Toronto, Canada, where His Royal Highness, as President, will attend meetings to discuss the 1980 Commonwealth Study Conference and, as Patron, witness a display of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme activities at the Scarborough Centennial Centre.

Mr Richard Davies was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Cheshire Regiment (22), today visited the 1st Battalion at Elizabeth Barracks, Minden, Germany.

Mr Alderman Kenneth Cork has been elected Renter Warden of the Horners' Company for the ensuing year.

Birthdays today

Sir John Arbuthnot, 66; Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Barnett, 72; Mr A. G. Bevnon, 70; the Hon Mark Bonham Carter, 56; Sir Alexander Cairncross, 67; Sir Richard Dobson, 64; Air Commodore Sir James Easton, 70; Sir Vivian Fuchs, 70; Professor Roy Fuller, 66; Sir Mark Henig, 67; Sir Frederick Hoare, 65; Sir Keith Holyoake, 74; Dr Donald Hunter, 80; Baroness Sharples, 55; Mr John Surtees, 44.

TOMORROW: The Hon Anthony Berry, MP, 53; Lord Boothby, 78; Sir James Dunnett, 64; Lord Granville of Eye, 79; Lord Greene of Harrow Weald, 68; Mr Anthony Howard, 44; Lord Moyola, 55; Mr Lawrence Tanner, 88; Signor Franco Zeffirelli, 55.

Honour for Prince

Edinburgh District Council's general purposes committee yesterday recommended that the Prince of Wales should become an honorary freeman of the city, the first since local government reorganization.

Lord McGregor of Durris

The life barony conferred on Professor Oliver Ross McGregor in the New Year Honours has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron McGregor of Durris, of Hampstead in Greater London.

Tribute to Marvell

The tercentenary of the death of Andrew Marvell, the MP and poet, who attended Hull Grammar School, was celebrated in the city yesterday with a civic service and a Guildhall luncheon at which Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the House of Commons, was guest speaker.

Latest wills

Mrs Edith Maude Smith, of St Albans, left £53,649 net. After personal bequests of £1,500 she left the residue to the Amy Louisa Robinson Charity, for housing needy elderly men and women in St Albans.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Hill, Mr Charles Littlewood, of Little Plumstead, Norfolk £724,901
Keir, Dr Ivan Cochran, of Melksham £134,381
Loach, Miss Edith Maud, of Bromley £115,204
Roberts, Brigadier Michael Rookherst, of Reading, former historian at the Cabinet Office £16,049

The need to remove awkward obstacles to intercommunion

When the Archbishop of Canterbury made his plea in Rome in 1976 for intercommunion with Roman Catholics (and again more recently in Westminster Cathedral) there were many who thought it reasonable in substance, even if the time and place for making the plea were ill-judged. There was however an obstacle to the carrying out of what he asked for that may not have been foreseen at the time. It comes from one of the fundamental documents of the Reformation, the Bill of Rights of 1688.

This measure, though worded in the form of a prayer, was enacted as it stood. The relevant part began thus:

Whereas it hath been found by experience that it is inconsistent with the safety and welfare of this Protestant kingdom to be governed by a Popish prince, or by any King or Queen marrying a Papist, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons do further pray that it may be enacted that all and every person and persons that is, are, or shall be reconciled to, or shall hold communion with, the See or Church of Rome, or shall profess the Popish religion, or shall marry a Papist, shall be excluded and be for ever incapable to inherit, possess or enjoy the Crown . . .

The sanction added to this was that the people shall be absolved from their allegiance, should such adherence to Rome, or communion with Rome, take place. The same wording was copied in the Act of Settlement of 1700.

Holding communion with Rome meant in those days just what it means now. There may have been a lawyer at work in 1688 who knew vaguely that unofficial intercommunion of Roman and Greek Christians took place from time to time in the Greek islands, and that this loophole must be securely blocked in the statute. But whatever the cause, there can be no doubt that this statute would bar the Crown from any act of intercommunion.

If one may put forward the unlikely hypothesis that the Pope should allow intercommunion to members of the Church of England tomorrow, then Her Majesty would not be able to avail herself of that offer, for the penalty would be the release from allegiance of all her subjects. By a strange irony of circumstances the Bill of Rights did not (and does not) apply to Northern Ireland.

Something of the background of the 1688 Act may be ascertained from the letters of Leibniz, the German philosopher. In 1691 he wrote a gossipy letter to Sophia of Hanover mentioning a story gleaned from a Catholic friend, Count Ernst von Hessen-Rheinfels. There was a Dutch Capuchin friar going about telling people that William of Orange was a Catholic at heart and that he heard Mass in secret. Leibniz commented that such rumours might keep his Catholic enemies in Flanders quiet, but that as a report it was on a par with the story that Pope Innocent XI had been a secret Lutheran.

In Scotland matters were different. Count Ernst wrote to Leibniz: "William is Puritan and not Episcopal in his soul, and I would not advise him to begin in Scotland the same game that his predecessor, Charles I, tried, because he would damage himself and put all at risk." Leibniz had written to Ernst: "Parliament in Scotland, which accepted William, abolished bishops. William, out of love for bishops and for the interest of his royal house, has contrived to preserve a few Episcopalian ministers. This has upset the Presbytery."

Whatever the hopes and fears in the England of 1688, there is surely a case for the Lords Spiritual to take up now the removal of this legal bar to intercommunion, if they would be seen to be in earnest about ecumenism. If the hopes and fears of 1688 are to be allowed to operate almost three hundred years later, then the fickle plant of ecumenism will die in the winter's frost.

Joseph Crehan, SJ
Editor of the "Catholic Dictionary of Theology"

Forthcoming marriages

Mr L. F. Burt and Miss M. Flint
The engagement is announced between Leonard Frank Burt, of Weymouth, and Marie, only daughter of Mrs M. Flint, 18 St James Road, Heatonmoor, Stockport, and the late Mr W. Flint.

Mr J. F. Harris and Miss C. M. Radice
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs F. J. Harris, of Capel Road, Clydach, Swansea, and Cecilia, daughter of the Rev A. A. H. and Mrs Radice, of Hepworth Rectory, Diss, Norfolk.

Mr N. G. W. Taylor and Miss S. A. E. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr Arthur Taylor, of Khartoum, Sudan, and Mrs Mary Taylor, of Littleover, Derby, and Sally (Selina), elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A. A. Taylor, of the British Embassy, Berne, Switzerland.

Mr R. H. Tilley and Miss C.-A. Farrell
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. G. Tilley, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Carol-Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Farrell, of Jordanhill, Glasgow.

Luncheon

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Michael Manley, Prime Minister of Jamaica. The other guests were:
Mr P. J. Patterson, MP, the High Commissioner for Jamaica, Mr Gordon Wells, Mr E. Francis, Mrs Judith Hart, MP, Mr Ted Rowlands, MP, Sir Michael Palliser, Mr K. Couzens, Mr Tom McNally and Mr Bryan Cartledge.

Dinners

Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping
The Bristol Chamber of Commerce Industry and Shipping held their annual dinner last night at the Grand Hotel, Bristol. Mr Dick Mellor, president, was in the chair and the principal speakers were Mr Jack McDowell, the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Mr John Williams and the Hon Sir Marcus Sieff. The Lord Lieutenant of Avon, the Bishop of Bristol, the Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset and the Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers were among other guests.

Lieutenancy of West Yorkshire
The Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire gave a dinner in honour of the retiring Lord Lieutenant, Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves, at the Parkway Hotel, Leeds, last night. Sir John Taylor, Vice-Lieutenant, presided.

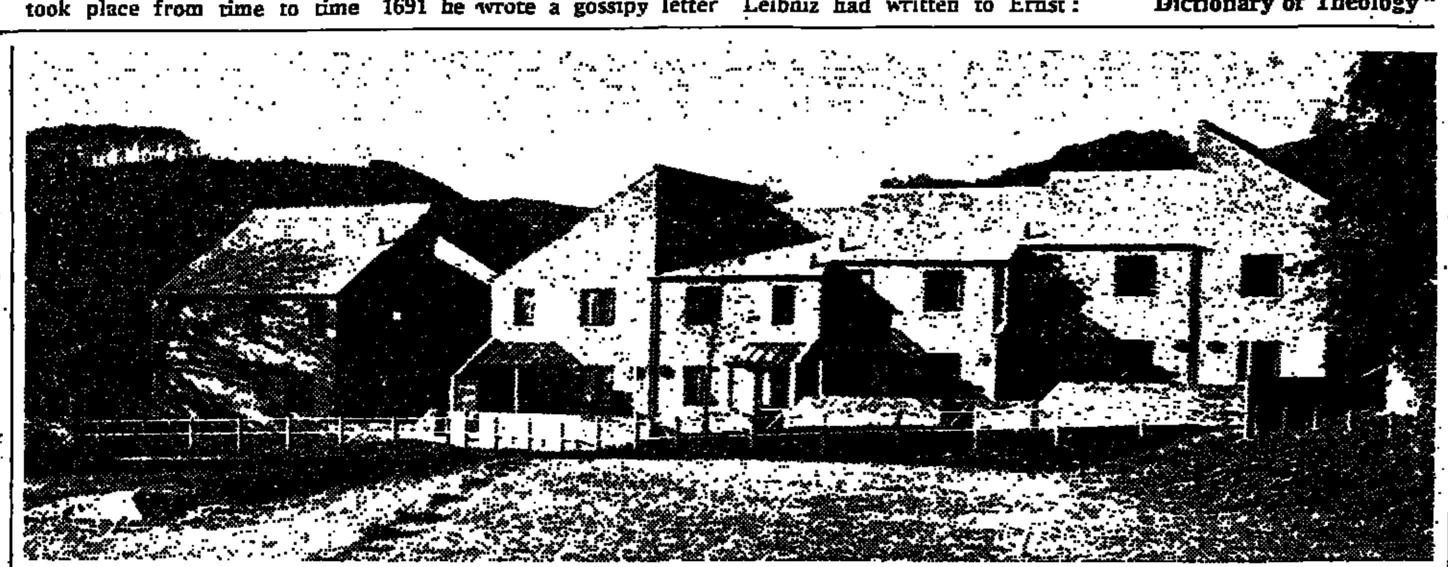
Service dinners

1 Squadron HAC
The annual dinner of 1 Squadron Honorable Artillery Company took place yesterday at Armoury House. Major T. C. Colville, HAC, officer commanding was in the chair, and the guest of honour was Brigadier Lord Ballantrae. Other guests include Colonels C. B. Powell-Smith and T. W. Chattey, and Lieutenant-Colonels E. Killick, J. F. Rickett and B. A. Kay, HAC, commanding officer.

RAF Innsworth
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken was the principal guest at a dinner held in the Officer's Mess, RAF Innsworth, yesterday to mark his retirement from the RAF. Also present were
Air Vice-Marshals C. E. Ness, D. G. Bailey, M. G. Beavis, A. Sidney-Wilmot and G. W. Cloutman, the Ven J. H. Wilson and Mr J. L. Roberts. Air Commodore C. A. Grennan presided.

Trident science award

The Trident Award for Communication in Science, 1977-78, organized by the British Association for the Advancement of Science, has been won by Professor Gordon Blair, of Queen's University, Belfast. The award, consisting of £1,000 and a medal, is made by Trident Television for his work on the prediction, through computer-based gas flow analysis, of the performance of small internal combustion engines.



West Derbyshire District Council's prize-winning development at Wirksworth, built of local brick.

Britons win house design prizes

From Tony Aldous
Clervaux, Luxembourg
Friday, Feb 10

British architects won three of the eight prizes in an international architectural competition, the results of which were announced in the eleventh-century castle of Clervaux today.

Two of the awards from the 1m Belgian francs (£16,000) offered for the fifth Eternit International Prize for Architecture went to British public housing projects: at Milton Keynes new town and at Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

The third, a special "honourable mention" in the category for architects under 35 years old, was won by the conversion of a warehouse and stable building in North Kensington for the architect's own use as a home and studio.

The jury of architects from six countries praised the Milton Keynes scheme—housing at Stacey Bushes—for its "harmony of spaces between the buildings, the care devoted to the landscaping and the provision of sheltered play spaces for children".

It also praised the scheme's separation of vehicles and pedestrians and the way in which it was planned to give residents easy access to shops, schools and public transport.

The Milton Keynes architects were Nigel Lane and Timothy Young.

The housing development at Wirksworth by Andrew Sebire and Kit Allsopp, was commended by the judges "for the economy of the materials used, the deliberate humility of its architecture, and for its perfect integration into its environment".

Romano Boico, an Italian architect, won outright the other main prize—for buildings other than dwellings—with its museum and national memorial to the victims of oppression, built on the site of a Nazi extermination camp near Trieste. The judges praised it for its "remarkable sobriety, simplicity and depth of expression".

The British under-35 winner was Alan Coles.

Prize winners were:
Housing (250,000 francs shared equally): Nigel Lane in association with Timothy Young, group of 424 houses; Jean Potvin (Belgium) houses at Louvain-la-Neuve; Andrew Sebire and Kit Allsopp, group of 20 houses; Renato Baldi (Italy), single-family farm house on historic site in Colle.
Other buildings (250,000 francs): Romano Boico (Italy), Resistenza museum and memorial in Trieste.
Best work by architect under-35 (250,000 francs): Hans Ruijssenaars (Netherlands), complex of music studios, Hilversum; honourable mention (100,000 francs), Alan Coles.
Most interesting use of Eternit material (150,000 francs): Jef Heymans and Hugo Lejon (Belgium), single-family house in Schoten.

London lagging in provision of bookshops, report says

By a Staff Reporter

Compared with other great western capitals, London is extraordinary in its dearth of bookshops, according to a report from the literature panel of the Greater London Arts Association.

Even the centre of London has little to compare with New York or Vienna, let alone the main German cities, the association says. The report notes that West Berlin has 263 bookshops and Munich 244, while the number of main bookshops in the whole of the United Kingdom is only about 450.

Outside central London, the report suggests the situation is still worse, some large boroughs lacking even one real bookshop.

The association's executive committee has decided that research must be carried out to ascertain precisely the number and distribution of London's bookshops; in the long run its policy is likely to change from subsidizing magazines and publications to subsidizing outlets for literature.

While the committee rejects the idea of a mobile bookshop to fill the gaps in bookshop provision, it emphasizes the importance of developing new community bookshops. Several now exist with its help, in Hackney, Brixton, Tower Hamlets, and Peckham, and it is hoped to start similar projects in other areas.

The aim is to provide a variety of facilities alongside a bookshop. Thus the Centreprise scheme at Hackney includes a bookshop, a coffee bar, a crèche, a literacy centre and a publishing scheme.

Up to £12,000 is on offer to start a community bookshop in the new Riverside Studios arts centre at Hammersmith, but the association is also looking to local councils to help with funds and with the provision of premises at little or no cost.

University news

Professor Aylmer to be Master of St Peter's

Professor Gerald Aylmer, MA, DPhil, aged 51, professor of history at York University, has been elected Master of St Peter's College, Oxford, in succession to Sir Alec Cairncross, who retires at the end of the academic year.

Other Oxford news:
MAGDALEN COLLEGE. Elected to fellowship by examination: G. A. Morris, BA, Magdalen College, chemistry, and J. H. Lawrence, BA, Wolfson College, modern languages.
ST JOHN'S COLLEGE. S. L. Rickard has been elected to a college scholarship in history.

Cambridge
Elections
ST JOHN'S COLLEGE. Research fellowships from May 1: R. P. Tombs, MA, Trinity Hall, modern history; E. Knobloch, BA, St John's, theoretical astrophysics: H. A. Chase, BA, Magdalene, Biochemistry: R. D. Bringans, MSc, Victoria Univ, Wellington, NZ, solid state physics.
DARWIN COLLEGE. G. J. Chandler, partner of Cazenove & Co, has been elected to an honorary fellowship.

Newcastle
A teaching company scheme designed to encourage engineering graduates to enter the management side of the industry has been started by the department of mechanical engineering at the university and Michell Bearings, a part of the engineering group of Vickers.

It is being financed jointly by the Science Research Council and the Department of Industry. A grant over three years will pay for seven industrial associates, who will work at Michell Bearings and follow a programme of studies and tuition at the university.

Wales
Professor M. J. O'Hara, of the Grant Institute of Geology, Edinburgh University, has been appointed to the chair of geology at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, from October 1.

Leeds
Dr B. R. Jewell, reader in experimental physiology at University College London, has been appointed to a new chair of physiology from September 1.

Leicester
Appointments and titles
Professor emeritus: Dr R. L. Goodstein, former professor of mathematics, and Dr J. F. Kerr, former professor of education.
Senior lecturers: Dr R. L. Borthwick, politics; Dr A. R. Everton, law; P. R. Herrington, economics; Dr J. H. Holloway, chemistry; Dr C. W. Jones, biochemistry; Dr M. J. Le Bas, geology; D. Parsons, adult education; Dr W. L. Price, engineering.
Lecturer: Dr L. J. Donaldson, community health; K. Howells, psychology.
Grants:
£32,500 from Thyssen Foundation and Mainz University for a comparative study of British and West German journalists, under Professor J. D. Halloran.
From Science Research Council: £16,025 to Professor A. J. Meadows for observations of planetary atmospheres, supplementary grants of £34,650 for a study of cosmic X-ray sources from the UK6 satellite, £17,100 for UK5 satellite data handling, and £16,970 for medium energy experiment and observing programme for Exosat, all under Professor K. A. Pounds.

British premiere of Almeida opera at Camden

The 1978 Camden Festival, from March 18 to April 1, will include the first British performance of the opera *La spinalba*, by Antonio de Almeida, the eighteenth-century Portuguese composer.

The opera will be performed in an English translation with a cast including Helen Walker, Della Jones, Johanna Peters, Norman Welsby and Alan Watt. The conductor will be Michael Lankester, the producer Tom Hawkes, and the designer Malcolm Pride.

The Park Lane Group will present Offenbach's *The Grand Duchess of Gerolstin*, with Patricia Routledge in the title role, and a cast including Meryl Drower, David Hillman, Thomas Lawlor and Emile Belcourt. The conductor will be Vilem Tausky, the producer Christopher Renshaw, and the designer Tim Goodchild.

A concert version of Richard Strauss's *Feuersnot* will be presented by the Chelsea Opera Group, accompanied by the same composer's *Drei Hymnen*.

Marshal of the RAF Viscount Trenchard

A service in memory of Marshal of the RAF Viscount Trenchard, founder of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday. The Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev Edward Carpenter, officiated. A wreath of red poppies was laid by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir William Dickson, a vice-president of the fund. Those present included:
Viscount and Viscountess Trenchard, Viscount Ward of Witley, Sir Harald Peake (chairman of the fund), and Dame Felicity Peake, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken, Air Marshals J. M. Nicholls, Sir Williams Coles and Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, Sir James Wellbeloved (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the RAF), Air Vice-Marshal D. G. Bailey, Air Commodore H. A. Probert, Air Commodore P. J. Tamblin (Director, WRAF), the Ven J. H. Wilson, Mr J. Alvey and Mr J. H. Nelson.

Memorial service

Mr R. V. Cooke
The Lord Mayor of Bristol was present at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Robert Victor Cooke held yesterday in Bristol Cathedral. Canon Charles Shells officiated. The lessons were read by Mr R. S. Murley (President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England) and Lord Porritt (former President of the British Medical Association). Dr A. M. Maclachlan gave an address.

Today's engagements

Ecumenical vigil to pray for Cambodia and its people, Westminster Cathedral, 1-5; speakers include: Bishop Mahon, Lord Elton, Mr Kenneth Lee and Mr Philip Whitehead, MP.
Talks: Geological Museum, South Kensington, "Volcanoes", 2.30; Natural History Museum, South Kensington, "The garden naturalist", 3.
Southampton Art Gallery: Children's event: "Shipwreck", 2-4: film *Discovering line*, 3.30-4.
Southwark Cathedral, Evensong, bellringers' annual service, 4.30.
Walks: Hidden London, guided outing, four interiors, three hours, meet Holborn station, 10; a journey through Tudor and Stuart London, meet Embankment station.

Tomorrow

Antiques fairs: Rembrandt Hotel, Thurloe Place, South Kensington, 11-6; St George's Hall, Lime Street, Liverpool, 10-5.
Exhibitions: Woodlands Art Gallery, 90 Mycenae Road, Blackheath: "Clem Beer"; "Roger Butlin's stage design", 2-6.
Westminster Abbey, organ recital, Stephen Cleobury, 6.05.
Buckingham Palace guard changing ceremony, 11.30.
Exhibition: Newnham rooms, St Aldate's, Oxford: "En plein air", paintings, prints and drawings by Sarah Butterfield, opening 5.
Walks: Lambeth walk, Cockney London, meet Westminster station, 11; a London village, Highgate, meet Archway station, 2; Cheapside, medieval main street, meet St Paul's station, 3.

OBITUARY

DR E. A. CARMICHAEL

Distinguished neurologist

Dr E. A. Carmichael, CBE, FRCP, consulting physician to the National Hospital, Queen's Square, died on February 9 at the age of 81. As director of the Medical Research Council neurological research unit at the National Hospital he played an outstanding part in maintaining the standards of a hospital that had come to be looked upon as the Mecca of international neurology.

Post-graduates flocked to it from home and overseas to sit at the feet of neurological giants such as Sir Gordon Holmes and Sir Francis Walshe and it was among this elite of neurologists that Carmichael rapidly established himself as one of the leading research workers in clinical neurology. His keen analytical mind was ideally suited for probing the mysteries of the central nervous system and he used it to good effect in an era when neurology was achieving dramatic advances following the brilliant pioneer work of neuro-physiologists such as Sir Charles Sherrington and Lord Adrian.

Edward Arnold Carmichael, the son of a doctor, was born on March 25, 1896. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy and Edinburgh University where, after a brilliant career culminating in the Annandale Gold Medal, he graduated in 1921. Neurology appealed to him from an early stage and in 1923 he was appointed resident medical officer to the National Hospital, a post then and now regarded as a "prize" and an invaluable apprenticeship to a neurological career.

The research aspect of neurology also appealed to him more than the clinical aspect and in his chosen field he went from strength to strength achieving an international reputation as represented by the number of visiting professorships he held and the number of foreign neurological societies of which he was honorary member. Among the visiting professorships he held were those at the universities of Montreal and Pennsylvania and Columbia University, New York.

At home he was in great demand as a lecturer and among those he had delivered were the Lumleian Lecture of the Royal College of Physicians London, the Morrison Lecture of the Royal College of Physicians at Edinburgh and the Bramwell Memorial Lecture.

REV DR J. Y. CAMPBELL

The Rev Dr J. Y. Campbell, the distinguished New Testament scholar, died on February 5. He was 90.

He was dux of Inverness Academy, took a first in classics at Edinburgh, and then went to New College to prepare for the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church. In 1911-13 he did post-graduate work in Marburg where he heard the systematic theologian Herrmann and the New Testament scholar Heitmüller.

When war broke out he was assistant minister at Kelvinside in Glasgow. He first went to France with the YMCA in 1915 and later enlisted. He was commissioned in the Royal Garrison Artillery and served under Allenby in Palestine, being mentioned in despatches.

After five years as minister of Peterculter, Aberdeen, he went to the United States to teach, first at the College of Wooster, Ohio, and then to Yale Divinity School. He returned to Scotland in 1934 and became minister of Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire. While there he ventured to criticize C. H. Dodd's proposal that the words of Jesus usually translated "the kingdom of God is at hand" should be rendered "the kingdom of God has come", and his article in the *Expository Times* for 1936 is still cited. In 1942 he delivered the Kerr Lectures in Glasgow on eschatology, which were unfortunately never published.

In 1945 he was elected into the Dunn Chair of New Testament Studies at Westminster College, Cambridge, from which he retired in 1959.

During his Cambridge years he published two influential papers, one on the term "Son of Man" and the other on the origin and Christian use of the word "church". These, together with an earlier article on *koinonia*, were collected and republished by his friends, with an appreciation, in 1965.

Campbell was too self-critical to work out fully or to press home his unfashionable conclusions about the New Testament. He lacked ambition, but he also preferred asking questions to pronouncing. But he did believe a great deal could be discovered about the historical Jesus, and he based a deep and simple faith on what he found.

HANS STUCK

Hans Stuck, team leader of the famous pre-war string of Grand Prix racing cars, the Auto-Unions, designed by Dr Porsche, has died at the age of the 78.

The cars were radical in design and had rear-engines. They were highly successful but alleged to have quirks of temperament that behove their drivers to keep a close eye on them. Though Stuck was team leader perhaps Bernd Rosemeyer was the more brilliant. He was killed in 1938. Stuck's career was long and marked by a long series of well-fought and well-run races against the formidable Mercédès Benz cars under the racing managership of Herr Alfred Neubauer and driven at different times by Fagioli, Caracciola and von Brauchitsch and Varzi who later left to join Auto-Union. Stuck won the German Grand Prix in 1934 the Italian Grand Prix in the following year, and the Grand Prix at the Nurburgring in 1936, besides many other less well-known events.

DAME ANSTICE GIBBS

The Earl of Selkirk, KE, writes:

In your notice you emphasize Dame Anstice Gibbs's interests in the Commonwealth; for 10 years she was a member of the council of the Victoria League until she became deputy president. She was essentially a wise person; a wise person with a deep understanding of personal problems, no matter from what part of the world they came. She was sparing with her words, and was endowed with a great gift of common sense and a charm of manner which made her presence valued in any company.

She was among those who made the quality of life richer for many people.

MR A. S. F. GOW

Sir Anthony Blunt writes:

In your obituary of Andrew Gow you describe in detail his achievement as a classical scholar and his services to Trinity, but many who knew him will remember him above all for his enthusiasm for the arts.

During the years after his return to Cambridge in 1924 he was almost the only don to take a positive interest in the art of the past and his rooms were the one place where one could find a good library of books about the Italian Renaissance, a fine collection of photographs of paintings and above all stimulating conversation about the arts in general.

Though his influence in this field only spread to a relatively small circle of undergraduates it had a vitally important effect on them and through them on others in Cambridge and eventually elsewhere. Though he had clear views on what was good and what was bad he was willing to discuss the ideas of even the most heterodox student, and often helped him to clarify his thought.

Just before the war he began to collect drawings—and a few paintings—by late 19th century French artists, and from the forties onwards this became one of his chief interests. His great passion was Degas, and the collection which he bequeathed to the Fitzwilliam contained more than a dozen works by him, including unusual early drawings (one copy after a 16th century Florentine portrait), later drawings of dancers, two small early paintings, two bronzes and one of the rare monotypes. This collection will be a fine memorial to a man who did more than anyone to foster a real understanding of the arts in a Cambridge that had very little feeling for them.

Science report

Ornithology: Record year for birds

The extraordinary summer of 1976 persuaded some remarkable birds to breed in the United Kingdom, according to records just published. Among the most remarkable were at least eight and perhaps as many as 20 pairs of breeding golden orioles, which seldom venture across the Channel.

The records are collated and released annually by the Rare Breeding Birds Panel, which comprises five dozens of ornithology. The panel collects its information from county and regional recorders, scrutinizes them for veracity and keeps them under lock and key. In its published records, the panel generally discloses the county in which the breeding took place. If requested, however, by those who supply the information, it will maintain confidentiality as it does about any more exact localization.

Only in that way are birds that might nest again the next year protected from egg collectors or, almost as unwelcome, hordes of birdwatchers likely to flock to see rare species. And only through a guarantee of confidentiality are the records likely to be delivered to the panel. In 1976, only Sussex and Nottinghamshire were missing.

Apart from the golden oriole, the record numbers of which were due largely to the discovery of a relatively large population in a completely new site, Britain's rarer birds of prey were also attracted by the hot summer. Montagu's harriers, with no record of breeding since 1973, produced six young from two nests, although two of the young had to be helped to survive after the male parent had been shot. Another mating ended when farm machinery destroyed the nest.

There was also the best breeding record for nine years for the marsh harrier, with 25 young reared. The red kites of Wales had a year at least as good as any in the recent past and the hobby, most graceful of British falcons, had an excellent year, particularly in Surrey.

Easy though it is to attribute some of those successes to the exceptional summer, it is not always easy to disentangle that possibility from trends that are occurring regardless of the weather. Thus Montagu's harriers returned presumably because they liked the heat (or were escaping from even hotter places). But the decline of the red-backed shrike in 1976 to only a few pairs in each of four counties, with not one pair in Surrey for the first time this century, is part of a long-term trend that will soon see the end of that species as a breeding bird in Britain.

One species that is on the increase is the fieldfare. Usually known only as a winter visitor from Scandinavia, a few pairs of that thrush-like but gregarious bird have summered and bred in the north since 1967. Now that it is spreading from Scandinavia southwards into Europe, it is widely expected to begin to breed in southern Britain too. Did the heat of 1976 prevent the first such report?

Finally a sad story. The magnificent snowy owl, which has bred every year on the Shetland island of Fetlar since 1967, when several young birds were introduced there, failed to breed in 1976. The reason? "The old male disappeared: having driven off all the young males, he left the females without a mate."

By Nature-Times News Service
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Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Vice-Admiral Sir Lancelot Bell Davies, Representative in Europe of the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, to be Commandant of the Nato Defence College in July, in succession to Lieutenant-General R. J. W. Heslinga, of the Netherlands Army.

Mr Patrick Flynn, aged 52, Deputy Assistant Commissioner in charge of Metropolitan Police No 2 area, which covers most of north-west London, to be in charge of No 4 area, covering south London, in succession to Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Halsey, who is taking responsibility for police training.

Superintendent Connie Hobbs, second in command of Esher police, to be head of the station in the rank of chief superintendent, in succession to Chief Superintendent Colin Lacey, who has taken over Norbury police station.

Mr Gordon Palmer, chairman of Associated Biscuit Manufacturers, to be Lord Lieutenant for Berkshire. He succeeds Mr John Smith, who retired because of ill health last month.

Fossils for museum

Merseyside County Museum has bought a collection of 1,900 vertebrate fossils, dating back 400 million years, for £500 from Mr Ronald Collier, an amateur geologist.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev A. S. Denyer, curate of Central Torquay Team Ministry, diocese of Exeter, to be priest-in-charge of Stoke-in-Teignhead with Combe-in-Teignhead, same diocese.

The Rev R. Fellows, Vicar of St Luke's Southport, diocese of Liverpool, to be Vicar of St Thomas's, Bedford, Leigh, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev B. E. Hodges, Vicar of Havenstreet, diocese of Southwell, to be Vicar of St Matthew's, Ashford, diocese of London.

The Rev W. P. Johns, Vicar of Wellington and priest-in-charge of Ford, diocese of Hereford, to be also priest-in-charge of Pipe cum Lyde with Moreton on Lugg.

The Right Rev A. F. B. Rogers, an Assistant Bishop of Peterborough, to be also priest-in-charge of Wappenham with Abthorpe and Slapton, same diocese.

The Rev H. G. Salisbury, Vicar of Norham and Duddo, diocese of Newcastle, to be Vicar of Snaith and priest-in-charge of Cowick, diocese of Sheffield.

The Rev G. Smith, Vicar of St John the Baptist's, Little Hulton, diocese of Manchester, to be priest-in-charge of St Andrew's, Newcastle, and adviser for social responsibility for the diocese of Newcastle.

The Rev P. Wakefield, curate of Kirby Muxloe, diocese of Leicester, to be Vicar of Barlestone, same diocese.

The Rev P. Wright, Vicar of Tanfield, diocese of Durham, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Gateshead, same diocese.

Diocese of Bath and Wells
The Right Rev Jack Cunningham, lately Bishop of Central Zambia and curate-in-charge-designate of Mells with Vobster, Whatley, Chantry, Kilmersdon and Babington, to be also curate-in-charge of Elm.

The Rev F. I. Seward, Rector of Chedzoy, to be curate-in-charge of Holy Trinity, Taunton.

Diocese of Chelmsford
The Rev E. W. Coleman, curate of Dagenham, to be priest-in-charge of High Laver, Magdalen Laver and Little Laver.

The Rev J. A. D. Legg, assistant master Manor Comprehensive School, Little Ilford to be also priest-in-charge of Stapleford Tawney with Theydon Mount.

The Rev H. W. J. Stilstone, Vicar of St Peter's, Bocking, to be Rector of Great Hallingbury.

Diocese of Portsmouth
The Rev L. Shotlander, Vicar of St Peter's, Curdridge, to be also priest-in-charge of Holy Cross, Durley.

The Rev J. Willard, Rector of St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, to be also priest-in-charge of Blessed Mary, Upham.

Church in Wales
The Rev D. Evans, lecturer in divinity St Mary's College, Bangor, to be Vicar of Llanwrtyd, Llanddulas, in Tir Abad, Eglwys Oen Duw, Llanfihangel Abergwesin and Llanddewi, diocese of Swansea and Brecon.

Episcopal Church in Scotland
Canon A. C. Adamson, Rector of St John's, Aberdeen, to be dean of the diocese.

Services tomorrow: First Sunday in Lent

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Canon Sam Woodhouse, Ben (Sumsion in B flat), Jub (Stanford in B flat); HC, 11.30 (Schubert in G), Int. Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd); Evensong, 3.15, Rev R. Capstick, Mag and ND (Humfrey in E minor), A, O Lord, look down from heaven (Battishill).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30, The Lamentations (Bairstow), Remember not, Lord (Purcell), Bishop of Arundel; Sung Eucharist, 11.40, O Lord, increase my faith (Loosemore), Jackson in G; Evensong, 3 (Stanford in G), O Lord, look down (Battishill), Canon E. G. Knapp-Fisher; Organ recital, 6.5; E, 6.30, the Dean.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: Eucharist, 11 (Wood in the Phrygian mode), A, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), In ieiunio et fletu (Tallis), the Vice-Provost; Evensong, 3.30 (Morley, short), A, Wash me throughly (Wesley), the Provost.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30; M, 11.15, A, O Lord, look down (Battishill), Bishop of London.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15 Lamentations (Bairstow), The Litany, Canon Edwyn Young, A, Salvator mundi (Blow).

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: HC, 8 and noon; M, 11, Rev D. Painter.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL, public invited (entry via Lincoln's Inn Fields gateway): M, 11.30, Canon R. Tydeman, A, Jesu dulcis memoria (Cranmer).

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, JD (Weelkes), A, Plorabo die ac nocte (Grandi), the Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, Ben (Sumsion in B flat), A, O where shall wisdom be found? (Boyce), Rev R. Bursell.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, O Lord, in thy wrath (Gibbons), Rev P. Mallins.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30 and 12.15; M, 11, Resident Chaplain, Ben (William), In ieiunio et fletu (Tallis); E, 3.30, Rev G. R. Huddleston (Byrd, short), Emendemus in melius (Byrd).

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): M, 11, Ben (Reynolds), Jub (Stanford in B flat), the Litany; E, 3.30, Mag and ND (Humfrey), A, The Song of the Tree of Life (Vaughan Williams).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, the Vicar.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15; HM, 11, Rev M. Shaw, Missa Sancti Dominici (Rubbra); E and B, 6, Rev A. W. Kiukas, Second Service (Tomkins).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell.

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Canon R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15; HC (sung), 9 am; M, 11, Rev S. Miller; E, 6.30, the Vicar.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Salvate mundi (Blow), Rev C. Back.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M, 11, Lamentations (Bairstow), A, Super flumina (Palestrina); HC, 12.30 and E, 6.30 Plainsong (Byrd), A, Lord, let me know mine end (Greene), the Rector.

ST BRIDES Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M & HC, 11, Prebendary Dewi Morgan, Ben (Jackson in G); E, 6.30, Mag and ND (Wood in C).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev W. M. Atkins, Mass in A (Cactolini), Mot, Adoramus te (Viadana).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street (near Centre Point): HC, 8 and 12; MP, 11, Rev H. S. Goodwin; E, 6.30, Rev A. W. D. Bayley.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15, Rev J. L. W. Robinson; Sung Eucharist, 11, Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Rev D. Harris, Ep Rev W. P. Baddeley.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, M, 11, Ben (Harrison in A), A Remember not, Lord (Purcell); HC, 12.15, Canon David L. Edwards.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45 and M, 11.15, the Vicar, E, 6.30, Mr N. Ingram-Smith.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30 Sung Eucharist, 9.30, and E, 6.30, Hide not thou thy face (Farrant), Rev I. L. Robson; M, 11.15, Wash me throughly (Wesley), Rev A. F. Davis.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: LM, 8, 9.45 and 7 pm; HM, 11, Dr Ulrich Simon (Causton in F minor), O sacred and holy banquet (Causton); E, 6, Solemn Benediction.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11, Prebendary F. Coventry, Missa à tribus vocibus (Byrd), Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley); E 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15 and 12.15; M, 11, Rev E. G. H. Saunders; 6, Mr B. Webster.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist 11, Missa brevis (Palestrina), Father Mayes.

ST PAUL'S Bedford Street, Covent Garden: HC, 10.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11, Rev R. K. Townley; 6.30, Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: LM, 8.15 and 10; SM, 11, Missa brevis (Gabrieli), O Lord, look down from heaven (Battishill), Father Prout.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; MP, 11, Rev Lord Sandford; E, 6.30.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 8 and 9; HM, 11 (Causton in F), Rev D. Priest; E and B, 6, Rev H. Moore.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM 11, (Plainsong), Mot, Respice, Domine (Grandi), Canon ffrench-Beytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street, 11, Rev W. Grahame Bailey; 6.30, Rev W. A. Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden, 11.15 and 6.30, Rev A. Miller Scott.

THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11, Quarti toni (Victoria); V and B, 3.30, Procession in honour of Our Lady.

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: SM, 11 (Latin), Plainsong, The Lamentations (Tallis): Part I.

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Missa quinti toni (Lassus), In ieiunio et fletu (Tallis).

ESSEX UNITARIAN CHURCH: 11 am, welcomes both theists and humanists, 112 Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street, Mass, 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (sung Latin) 4.15 and 6.10; Noon, Lenten Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Hume.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place, 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barrett.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission), 11 and 6.30, Rev Lord Soper.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr Brian Johanson.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R. T. Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: 11, Rev N. Allen Birtwhistle.

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This formula allows for the possibility that whatever price rise APCM may be entitled to, under the interim safeguards, could leave one or more of the other companies within the agreement worse hit in profit terms than APCM.

In these circumstances the Price Commission could exercise discretion to allow APCM a higher interim increase than the minimum to which it was entitled.

The cement makers last increased prices last June by around 12 per cent. That followed a 3.5 per cent increase the previous January.

Increased fuel costs have been affecting the cement makers and there are wage costs still to come through. The increases just applied for also took account of likely cost increases during the next 12 months, the makers said.

IPC Magazines want to put up the cover price of 26 of their weekly and monthly magazines. The proposed increases, which include 1p a copy on the present price of 13p on *Woman* and *Woman's Own* and 5p on the present price of 35p on the monthly *Homes and Gardens* and *Ideal Home* magazines would not take effect until April or May.

The commission's investigation into IPC was triggered by pre-notification to the Price Commission on January 13. Mr Edward Court, joint managing director of IPC Magazines explained yesterday that cover prices had to be fixed so far ahead because the magazines in some cases were prepared for printing more than three months in advance of publication.

Mr Court said that the increases were needed to take account of general cost increases. These included wage costs expected to rise as a result of pay negotiations due to take effect from April.

Bankers and ministers to hold secret Paris talks

Finance ministers and central bankers of the world's five leading industrialized nations are expected to meet secretly in Paris over the weekend, according to informed European sources.

Mr Michael Blumenthal, American Treasury Secretary, is scheduled to visit Bonn on Monday to discuss "economic issues" with Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor. He is expected to be in Paris either at the weekend, or after the Bonn trip, it was stated in Washington last night [AP-Dow Jones reports].

A spokesman for the Treasury in London would neither confirm nor deny the possibility of a Paris meeting. French officials also refused to comment.

Central bankers attending the meeting are expected to go on to Basle for the regular monthly meeting with colleagues from other industrialized nations at the Bank for International Settlements.

Mr Henry Wallich, a director of the American Federal Reserve Board, will represent the Fed at the Basle central bankers meeting and, presumably, at the reported "big five" weekend meeting in Paris. William Miller, the incoming Fed chairman, cannot attend because the Senate has not yet confirmed his nomination.

Topics likely to figure on the two agendas include future strategy for official intervention in foreign exchange markets after the recent stabilization of the dollar, and discussion of prospects for narrowing the United States current account deficit.

Krone devalued: The Norwegian krone was devalued by 8 per cent last night. The decision was taken at a meeting of European central bank leaders in Copenhagen. The Danish central bank said all members of the European joint currency arrangement, the "snake" had concurred. The devaluation was agreed at Norway's request on the ground of its advese payments situation.

Iceland also devalued last night by 13.1 per cent, Reuter reported from Copenhagen.

Steel unions consider overtime ban

By Paul Routledge

Steel union leaders yesterday moved a short step closer to industrial action over a pay offer from the British Steel Corporation which is fractionally below the Government's 10 per cent ceiling.

The national executive of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the industry's largest union, considered a list of sanctions that might be imposed if BSC did not improve its 9.5 per cent offer and drop some of the conditions attached to it.

The ISTC has taken the unusual step of calling its full executive to the next round of pay talks with the corporation on February 22. Only this body could initiate industrial action if the union's negotiators failed to reach an agreement on pay. Steelworkers' leaders are considering a number of options, including a national ban on overtime.

The confederation's executive yesterday officially rejected the BSC's efforts to tie the annual pay settlement to reforms in working patterns and acquiescence in the accelerated rundown of the so-called Beswick plants due to close over the next few years.

ISTC negotiators will demand that British Steel give the full 10 per cent permitted under wage restraint guidelines, and introduce local productivity deals like those operating in the mining industry, rather than proceed any further with the industry's own work-measured incentive scheme.

Mr Bill Sirs, the union's general secretary said last night: "An overtime ban would close the industry. We are running on a shoestring for labour. If there is any sickness, there is nobody to fill in."

He added that if steelworkers could be given the same kind of productivity agreements that had been conceded in the pits, they would give the same productivity.

The TUC Steel Industry Committee is to meet the corporation again later this month, and probably Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, for further negotiations on the industry's losses.

Straws in the Whitehall wind have suggested to ISTC leaders that the Government is preparing to "swing the axe" and go far beyond the original Beswick closure proposals for a more ruthless series of cutbacks that might involve 40,000 jobs. "If they do, then will have a fight on their hands", Mr Sirs said.

Societies' net receipts well down at £388m

By Margaret Stone

Building society net receipts dropped from £421m to £388m in January, the first time since last August that the net inflow has been below £400m. The figure compares very unfavourably with the record intakes of £590m and £554m recorded last October and November.

However, building society leaders are not as worried as some might expect. There are indications that heavy bills—attributed to the delayed payment of a credit card Christmas and the upturn in consumer spending in January—were met in the early part of the month.

More importantly, the net inflow was beginning to improve sharply by the end of the month. February is expected to show some improvement over January, although a modest one because February is short on working days.

Another reason why building society leaders remain unperturbed is that they are actually quite happy with a lower level of receipts.

A net monthly inflow of £400m plus monthly repayment of capital of about £300m leaves the societies with £700m a month to lend. This level is seen as compatible with a reasonable rather than explosive increase in house prices this year.

The Government is anxious to avoid another house price boom such as occurred in 1972-73 for which the building societies, despite their denials, were held partially responsible.

If a similar pattern of house price movement were to reappear the Government might this time take action, perhaps by inviting societies to place certain assets in a special fund. Any form of government interference in their operations is anathema to the societies.

So, despite increasing evidence that house prices are beginning to move upwards at a more rapid rate, the official line on house prices from the building society movement is that house prices will increase by 12 to 15 per cent only this year.

Privately, some building society leaders believe that the rate of increase will be higher, with the main thrust upwards coming in the first six months of the year.

The increased activity in the housing market is confirmed by the level of advances in January. Traditionally this is a very depressed month, but this year £658m was advanced, which although lower than in the previous three months is very high when seasonally adjusted.

New commitments—the money promised to borrowers—were stronger still at £728m.

The forecast is that lending will continue at this rate, £700m a month, in the foreseeable future.

Although the societies' liquidity position declined from 21.8 per cent at the end of December to 20.6 per cent at the end of January, this is a reflection of tax bills paid rather than a change in the societies' underlying position. Seasonally adjusted, there has been practically no change in the liquidity level.

TUC blamed in row over recognition

By Our Labour Editor

The Engineers' and Managers' Association yesterday accused the TUC, to which it is affiliated, of "a crude attempt" to prevent a new whitecollar union being recognized by British Shipbuilders.

It disclosed the contents of a letter from Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, to Mr Michael Casey, chief executive of the state group emphasizing that, "an early decision not to recognize the Shipbuilding and Allied Industries' Management Association is essential in the interests of good industrial relations in the industry".

Mr John Lyons, general secretary of EMA, said last night: "This is such a crude attempt to dictate to British Shipbuilders on a matter on which the TUC has absolutely no standing that I believe it is evidence that some people in the TUC are losing their sense of proportion".

Leyland's Triumph plant may be in jeopardy, strikers are told

Leyland workers at Speke, Liverpool, were warned again yesterday that the future of the Triumph car plant could be in jeopardy.

A strike has halted all production at Speke for 15 weeks.

The Transport and General Workers' Union has given official backing to the dispute which has halted all production of TR7 and Dolomite models.

A letter to union officials from Mr Patrick Lowry, the company's Director of Personnel and Administration, stressed the uncertainty and difficulties which the plant faced.

He says that the pay dispute has stopped production of its sports model for so long that "in competitive places such as the United States it means virtually starting again from the beginning—with the added disadvantage of the model's past history".

The letter invited union leaders to meet management at Leyland House, London, next Tuesday.

A spokesman for British Leyland said last night: "We can only reiterate what Mr. Edwardes has already said. This is that Leyland will not let short-term effects like the strike at Speke get in the way of long term objectives".

R. W. Shakespeare writes: The apparently surprising decision by the Transport and General Workers' executive to give official backing to the strike on Merseyside may prove to be no more than a means of putting the dispute into a new negotiating context.

So far, the problem that national union officials have had in talks with the management is that they have had no mandate from the shop floor to move towards settlement terms. This was also the difficulty experienced in a series of talks arranged by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

One of the company's complaints has been the resistance by the shop stewards on Merseyside to calling a mass meeting to discuss any proposals from the company. No such meeting has been held since the early days of the strike which began on November 1.

It is thought that by giving official backing to the dispute the union leaders could be putting themselves in a position where they can order the strikers to meet.

So far the strike by 2,000 men at Speke has meant losses totalling almost £100m through a shutdown of production.

At the nearby Ford plant at Halewood a strike is also in progress and will enter its sixth week after the weekend. A walkout by 1,000 men from the press shops has meant the layoff of 9,000 others at the Merseyside plant together with 2,000 more from Ford's transit van factory at Southampton which gets its transmission units from Halewood. Ford production losses now total around £50m, mostly in Escort cars.

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Public Sector Borrowing ment (PSBR) is one of variables monitored by nternational Monetary t is notoriously difficult ast, and the Government essively revised its estiio upwards in the last chs.

borrowing is important a measure of the fiscal of the Government—ch it is contributing to in the economy—and of its implications for ney supply. A larger eans that more Governebt has to be sold for any given increase in the money supply.

The undershoot of public borrowing is somewhat puzzling. As figures published on Thursday show, central Government alone has borrowed much less than expected in the first 10 months of this financial year, ending in April.

Higher company tax revenues, with a faster-than-expected rise in profits, are partly the reason for lower Government borrowing. The personal sector has also paid more tax than expected, although it is not quite clear why this should be.

Incomes are thought to have risen fairly sharply in the fourth quarter of last year and the levelling-out in unemployment which has occurred in the last few months was probably not predicted by the Government. This cuts spending on unemployment benefits.

Another major factor in the revision is underspending by the public sector. This has been even greater in this year than in 1976. The shortfall in cash terms may not be as great as in real terms but it is almost certain to be larger than expected last October.

A considerable improvement in the nationalized industries' trading performance has also upset the forecasts, notwithstanding the huge, and partly unexpected, borrowing needs of the British Steel Corporation.

Larger-than-expected nationalized industry profits helped to cut the borrowing requirement of the whole public sector, and in some months contributed to a surplus on the central Governments' account.

The last official published forecast of the PSBR for 1978-79 was £7,000m. This compares with the government's statement in the second Letter of Intent to the IMF that it would frame its April Budget in the expectation that the PSBR for 1978-79 should not exceed £8,600m. It is likely that the latest forecasts will now point to a downward revision in the 1978-79 forecast as well as for the present year,

Japanese shipbuilding failures begin to mount

Tokyo, Feb 10.—A chain reaction of business failures in shipbuilding and shipping-related companies emerged today in Japan, a sign of increasing deterioration in the industry.

It was also announced that export ship contracts received in January fell 43.8 per cent from a year earlier in terms of tonnage.

Daiwa Kaiun KK, an Osaka-based shipping company, applied today for an arrangement with its creditors over debts estimated at 20,000m yen (£43m), according to a private credit inquiry agency.

The Daiwa failure follows the collapse already reported of Shin-Yamamoto Dockyard Co, a Kobe-based shipbuilder, which has liabilities estimated at 24,000m yen—the second largest shipbuilding failure after Hashihama Zosen KK, which went under last December with debts of 45,000m-50,000m yen.

An associate of Daiwa Kaiun—Asahi Koeki KK, the Tokyo-based marine equipment trader—today applied for liquidation with debts of 30,000m yen.

Asahi Koeki is also affiliated to Nippon Yusen KK (NYK Lines), the world's largest shipping company in terms of bottoms owned.

Japan Ship Exporters' Association (JSEA) said export contracts obtained in January involved 20 vessels totalling 153,660 gross tons, valued at 45,949m yen, a fall in tonnage of 43.8 per cent from a year earlier.

JSEA said the export ship order backlog at the end of January came to 470 vessels, totalling 8.27 million gross tons.

Of the total, 245,000 gross tons were accounted for under contracts due for cancellations, and 679,000 tons for ships completed but laid up at the builders yards.

Hence the net order backlog was 7.34 million tons, less than 15 per cent of the 50.24 million ton peak in March, 1974.

Imports down: Imports to Japan licensed in January totalled $5,616m (nearly £3,000m), down 14.9 per cent from $6,600m in December, but up 2.6 per cent from the same month last year. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry said today.

Imports licensed from the United States in January fell 12 per cent from December and 15.9 per cent from a year earlier to $1,051m. Those from South East Asia were down 16.8 per cent from December but up 14.6 per cent from a year earlier to $1,197m, and from the European Community they were up 8.7 per cent from the previous month and 28.2 per cent from a year earlier to $346.65m.—AP-Dow Jones.

Wilkinson Match deal tactics worry market

By Nicholas Hirst

Institutional shareholders are still expressing concern over the deal whereby the American group Allegheny Ludlum Industries will sell its True Temper garden tool subsidiary to Wilkinson Match for an issue of shares.

Originally the deal would have given 51 per cent control of Wilkinson to the American group, but as a result of an accountants' report on True Temper the deal was revised this week so that Allegheny will end up with only 44½ per cent.

The institutions are worried that this still amounts to effective control. Discussions are continuing between shareholders' representatives and Wilkinson to see if the new deal will prove acceptable.

A general issue of principle is still seen to be involved—whether one group should gain control of another without a general offer being made to all shareholders.

The Takeover Panel has maintained all along that shareholders had the right to decide in general meeting whether this deal should go ahead and has relied on practice notes attached to the Takeover Code in arriving at its decision.

Some institutions, however, remain concerned because the panel lays down a general rule that 30 per cent of a company amounts to control and any shares acquired over and above that amount should trigger a general offer.

Allegheny has escaped this rule. First it bought 29.9 per cent of Wilkinson from Swedish Match, then proposed a deal, acceptable within the code, which resulted in the issue of shares in exchange for the sale of its True Temper subsidiary.

It had become obvious that if this deal involved 51 per cent of Wilkinson passing to Allegheny there would be considerable, and possibly overwhelming, opposition to it at the necessary shareholders' meeting called to agree it. One feeling now is that the substitution of 44½ per cent for 51 per cent makes very little difference.

It is thought that the 30 per cent limit laid down generally by the panel as the level of control is chosen because that is the level at which it is easy to block another bid from outside. A 44½ per cent holding would make a bid from outside unlikely, and is little difference in practice from a 51 per cent holding.

Institutions are still prepared to wait for the full documents, but it is clear that some are still far from happy even with the revised proposals.

C intervention ends Dutch pharmaceutical cartel

els, Feb 10—The Dutch Pharmaceutische Hanentie (PHC), which conthe marketing of pharcals in The Netherlands, n terminated after an tion by the European sion, a spokesman for mission announced today. which was recognized h authorities, had in the of the Commission in- EEC competition rules ilded the market to the it of the consumer.

the Commission said, el's reciprocal exclusive nd selling arrangements d competition between turers, importers and affiliated to PHC and completely prevented competition between those who were affiliated and others.

Secondly, the Commission objected to the resale price maintenance which the PHC imposed upon its members in respect of all products, including imports.

Independents' aid plea

A new government agency to help increase the flow of funds to independent companies is called for in a pre-Budget memorandum sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by the recently-formed Union of Independent Companies. The union says there is an urgent need for the Government to help in overcoming two problems—lack of consistent, realistic rates of interest and lack of adequate security for borrowings.

In brief

American prices up

Wholesale prices in the United States rose 0.9 per cent seasonally adjusted in January, while finished goods cost 0.6 per cent more. The January increases in wholesale prices compares with a 0.4 per cent rise in December. In January 1977 they went up by 0.5 per cent. At an annual rate last month's increase was 10.8 per cent, against December's 4.8 per cent rate.

Crédit Suisse progress

Zurich, Feb 10.—Crédit Suisse said today it was ready to apply for an increase in the value of its Texon Finanzanstalt group interests acquired following the discovery of unauthorized operations at its Chiasso branch last year. The bank said in a progress report published in its monthly bulletin that it was working to provide a solid basis for the eventual disposal of the interests.—Reuter.

Carter Bill on aid for IMF again postponed

Washington, Feb 10. — Mr Carter's Administration is worried that Congress might not pass a Bill authorizing $1,750m in United States financial support for a new International Monetary Fund lending programme.

Mr Michael Blumenthal, the Treasury Secretary and Mr Anthony Solomon, the Under-Secretary met with Congressmen and their aides in an effort to dispel criticism about the Bill and stave off a human-rights amendment.

The Treasury officials previously spoke in favour of the so-called "Witteveen facility", designed to supply IMF loans to countries with balance-of-payments difficulties.

Representative Stephen Neal, one of the Bill's floor managers, said he did not know what the Bill's chances of passage were. But he said a vote had been postponed—for the third time—to the week after next.

The $1,750m is the United States share of a $10,500m fund. Petroleum-exporting countries have agreed to provide up to half of the facility. But the programme will fall through without American participation.

The Treasury has said there will not be any interest cost on the financing because it will receive interest rates slightly above its cost of borrowing.

Representative Neal said the Bill has been drawing resistance from conservative Congressmen, who see it as a form of foreign aid, and from liberal Representatives who want to add the human-rights amendment.

The amendment would instruct the United States executive director to the fund to vote against loans by the fund to countries where there were "violations of human rights".—AP-Dow Jones

the markets moved

The Times index : 198.94—0.40
The FT index : 471.0—2.3

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per	9p to 179p	Ofrex	5p to 115p
	7p to 112p	Rowntree Mac	8p to 383p
	13p to 478p	Spirax Sarco	14p to 262p
s Univ	12p to 162p	Welkom	13p to 232p
ent	7p to 233p	Reed Int	4½p to 102p
louse	9p to 125p	Sedg Forbes	5p to 317p
	6p to 367p	Tace	1p to 24p
Withy	5p to 313p	Turner Mfg	7p to 111p
	5p to 565p	Unilever	4p to 504p
	5p to 257p	Union Discount	10p to 435p
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Gold gained $2 per ounce to $175.125.
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Commodities : Reuter's index was at 1408.8 (previous 1402.4).
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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.75	1.70
Austria Sch	30.75	28.75
Belgium Fr	65.50	62.50
Canada $	2.20	2.14
Denmark Kr	11.35	10.98
Finland Mkk	7.90	7.60
France Fr	9.75	9.40
Germany Dm	4.26	4.04
Greece Dr	73.50	70.00
Hongkong $	9.20	8.75
Italy Lr	1760.00	1685.00
Japan Yn	490.00	465.00
Netherlands Gld	4.55	4.33
Norway Kr	10.21	9.85
Portugal Esc	81.50	77.00
S Africa Rd	1.95	1.82
Spain Pes	164.75	157.75
Sweden Kr	9.30	8.95
Switzerland Fr	3.96	3.74
US $	1.99	1.93
Yugoslavia Dnr	39.75	37.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers cheques and other foreign currency business.

Electricity chief predicts need for fast reactors

Britain would need fast reactors in commercial production by the late 1990s and certainly by the beginning of the next century, Sir Frank Tombs, chairman of the Electricity Council, said in Frankfurt yesterday.

Sir Frank, who was speaking to the British-German Trade Council, said that to meet this target it would be desirable to start construction of a commercial unit by the mid-1980s.

On fairly low assumptions of economic growth it seemed likely that total primary energy demand in the United Kingdom for the year 2000 would be about 500 million tons of coal equivalent.

"The upper limit of coal production in that year is likely to be 170 million tons, and indigenous oil and gas together may provide rather more than 200 million tons. The balance must be met by nuclear power."



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Baroness Birk, Under Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, made it clear in the House of Lords on Thursday evening that the Government has rejected the suggestion that the option mortgage scheme be extended to home income plans. At present these plans permit anyone aged over 65 to take a loan, which is eligible for tax relief, against his house and use the proceeds to buy an annuity and thus acquire extra income.

Backed by such diverse bodies as the Life Offices Association and Help the Aged, the Liberals had wanted the option mortgage terms—whereby a low or non-taxpayer pays a lower mortgage interest rate in lieu of tax relief on the loan—to be extended to home income plans. On a £10,000 loan this would give the elderly non-taxpayer some £200 a year more in spendable income.

By common consent everyone agrees that the elderly poor need to be helped, but the Government has apparently rejected this solution—which is modest in scope and cost (although there is some dispute about that)—on the grounds that it is selective: not all old people are owner-occupiers, so it would be unfair to give assistance to those who are.

No one would deny that it would be selective and that it would not give blanket assistance to all old people who might need help, but does that automatically mean that none should be helped? The policies of successive Governments are peppered with selective measures.

The Labour Government's inclusion of home income plans in tax relief in the first place was selective. Nobody argued then that because not all pensioners could apply for a home income loan with tax relief, none should be entitled to this relief. Council house subsidies and mortgage interest relief are two more examples of selectivity and there are many others.

So why not one more?

Investor's week

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Rises

Year's high	Year's low	Name	Change	Comment
188p	85p	Associated Book	22p to 188p	Speculative interest in publishing sector
176p	93p	Dowty Grp	19p to 176p	Figures and miners' settlement
162p	95p	Marshall's Univ	26p to 162p*	Bid rumours
322p	188p	Phoenix Ins	8p to 256p	Strong sector
201p	114p	Trust Hse Forte	24p to 198p	Sparkling results

Falls

580p	233p	Decca Ord	15p to 440p	Disappointing figures
240p	81p	Farnell Elect	8p to 192p	Profit taking
46p	25p	Morgan Edwards	4p to 28p	Profits downturn
236p	102p	Reed International	21p to 102p	Unfavourable comment
214p	129p	Wilkinson Match	6p to 180p	New Allegheny terms

* share price suspended.

Excitement, hopes and setbacks

It was gilt rather than equity; dealers who worked hardest this week. As good industrial news followed rather disappointing economic indications, government securities dipped then rallied like a fairground rollercoaster. And some hectic after hours trading in the middle of the week kept inter-office phones busy and jobbers late for trains.

On Monday, with banking figures overhanging the market and some steady continental selling, gilts lost up to a point and a quarter. However, as prices fell and yields rose, institutional investors were attracted back by the carrot of a 12¼ per cent return on some stocks.

But the rally could not be held. The bank lending figures, when they came, proved to be an unexpected disappointment and gilts were sharply marked down across the board. Leading equities came down in sympathy as jobbers took a precautionary red pencil to major share prices.

Fears that the money supply may be growing faster than the Government's target fuelled further falls on Wednesday and the *FT* ordinary share index drifted down throughout the day.

But help was at hand in the unlikely form of miner's leader Mr Joe Gormley. News that the miners' executive had agreed in principle to settle within the Government's pay guidelines sent gilts and equities soaring.

As phones again rang in the late afternoon some longer dated stocks added as much as £2. At one point during the day Treasury bill rates had been indicating a 7¼ to 8 per cent minimum lending rate this week, but by the close the levels were on course for an unchanged 6¾ per cent.

Equities again took their cue from the gilt market and the *FT* index ended 4.7 higher on the day.

The optimistic mood was good enough to keep buyers to the forefront on Thursday and the Government Broker took the opportunity of a more confident gilts market to reactivate the long "tap". Opening at a discount of £4 on the partly-paid £30 price, the stock closed at £26¾, with talk of about £200m to £300m of the "tap" being sold.

However, with the activity behind them, both gilts and shares had a quiet end to the account yesterday and the *FT* ordinary share index closed down 2.3 at 471.0. The net gain on the week was 12.3, while the loss over the account was 6.50.

In equities there were a few isolated shares which captured the attention of investors. Trust Houses Forte proved to be one of the brightest spots. It was up two or three pence in front of its full-year figures and a sparkling set of profits sharpened the climb. The shares ended the week some 24p higher at 198p.

Reasonable results also helped find friends for Unitech and Dowty, while Imperial Group held steady, even though it failed to match market expectations. A confident chairman's statement at the Guinness annual meeting put 3p on to the share price of the Irish brewer.

Reed International, on the other hand, proved to be one of the weakest equities. Since its January 31 nine-month figures the shares have lost 33p to a year's low of 102p and some dealers are beginning to believe that the persistent selling results from more than just adverse comment.

Index stock John Brown had a busy week as buyers took the price to within a penny of the £3 level and sellers pulled it back down again to 290p. It ended 13p up at 296p.

Of the bid stocks, Suter Electrical and Marshall's Universal ended the week with their quotations still suspended, pending further announcements, while speculative buying fuelled takeover rumours at George Sandeman, Weir Group, Fitch Lovell and Bejam.

Alison Mitchell

Enemy at the tax haven door?

Going "offshore" may conjure up visions of a peaceful palm fringed atoll somewhere warm and far away from the Inland Revenue. But for many a dedicated tax avoider the reality is often a windswept bungalow in the Channel Islands and the worry that the Labour Party will one day move to end the popularity of such handy tax havens for wealthy United Kingdom emigrants.

This week Transport House announced that two Labour members of Parliament will shortly go on a fact-finding mission to explore tax systems in the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. This move follows a predictably disapproving study of the matter by its research department.

Amid talk of ending "feudal systems" and the loss of £100m a year in taxes (a wild guesstimate on the author's own admission) the truth is that the privileged status of a few offshore havens rouses Labour anger to a degree out of all proportion to the scale of the problem.

The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man have for at least four centuries enjoyed autonomy within the United Kingdom while acknowledging allegiance to the Crown. The difference in fiscal systems is but one area where local custom and practice differs from that in the rest of the United Kingdom.

In the Channel Islands—Jersey and Guernsey are the largest and the best known—income tax is levied at the rate of 20p in the £. In the Isle of Man it is 21.25p. There is no capital gains tax or death duty. Because the islands are part of the United Kingdom they are in the sterling area.

If you establish residence in any one of these islands you can take your assets with you, freely, all at once. If you have a business on the mainland you could be near enough to manage it, while remaining far enough away from Her Majesty's tax inspectors to make the rewards worthwhile.

The advantages of establishing residence on one of our offshore islands are obvious.

But there are disadvantages and difficulties, as well which hold back what might otherwise be a stampede of our overtaxed citizens for the exit route.

Jersey has for long been the first choice of some of our more celebrated tax exiles who for emotional or business reasons do not wish to leave the United Kingdom. It has excellent communications with London. But the island now operates a stringent quota system for this class of citizen, limiting the intake to fifteen extremely wealthy people a year.

For starters you have to prove that you will have an annual income sufficient to make you liable to at least £10,000 Jersey income tax—a figure that indicates income of not less than £50,000. Other aspects of your affairs are looked at—the size and needs of your family for instance.

Jersey is conscious of the strains an increased population put on its resources and indicates that you must buy a "substantial" or "luxury" house.

Guernsey does not have a quota system but a two-tier housing market effectively limits the flow of residents. If an outsider wishes to set up home in Guernsey he or she must, unless classified as an essential worker buy an "open market" property.

These homes are rated above a certain value and are limited in supply since none have been built in this category since the early 1960s. Lovell's, the biggest estate agents on Guernsey says that prices for these homes start at about £50,000.

Undoubtedly the easiest and cheapest haven is the Isle of Man, but many might feel that the island—some 70 miles from the Lancashire coast—is rather too remote from the main centres of finance and commerce.

It is clearly underdeveloped in comparison with Jersey and Guernsey. It has a population of about 63,000 spread over its 231 square miles, compared with Jersey's 70,000 people packed into just 43 square miles. There are no restrictions on housing here—although there are controls on the employment of people from outside the island.

So how much potential revenue escapes annually from the eager clutches of the Inland Revenue? The Isle of Man has a net inflow of about 1,000 people a year, but only a small proportion of them, analyzed by age, would appear to be in the tax exile class.

For the Channel Islands the numbers are measured in dozens, although anything up to £40m worth of assets could be finding itself redomiciled there in some years.

There is very little that any United Kingdom government can do about those who have already departed, short of persuading the islanders to change their tax systems. But the Finance Act of 1975, which introduced capital transfer tax, set an important precedent that could be extended to trap future wanderers.

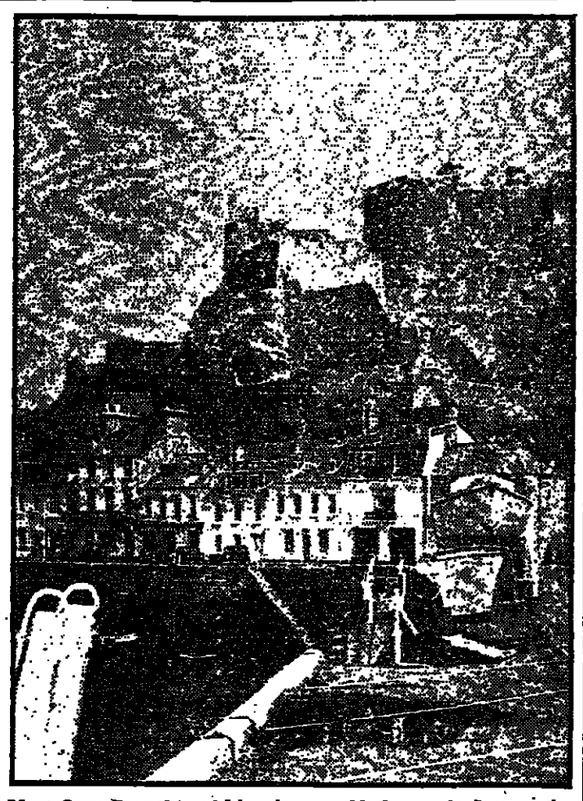
Under it any United Kingdom citizens establishing domicile after December, 1974, remained liable to capital transfer tax as though they were still living in the United Kingdom. This has subsequently been amended to exclude assets or income built up or earned in the islands after that date.

These provisions actually discriminate against those who remain in the sterling area havens. If you go to the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, the liability to CTT remains for life—if you go elsewhere, it lasts only for three years after your departure—and you can get your assets out after four years without going through the dollar premium.

So if the Government should legislate to keep emigrants to our offshore islands within the United Kingdom tax system one self-defeating side-effect may be that more will opt to go abroad—taking their assets and investments with them. There will be problems, too, in making allowance for those who genuinely go offshore to work—at least half the Isle of Man's annual inflow is between the ages of 25 and 35 years of age—rather than avoid taxes.

It remains to be seen what the two Labour MPs make of it all, but it all appears to be something of a storm in a cocktail glass from this side of the Channel.

Margaret Drummond



Mont Orgueil castle and historic quay-side houses in Jersey: the tax systems of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are to come under scrutiny.

Unit trusts

What goes down must, it seems, come up...

Did the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo have a "system"? I doubt it. Most of the evidence from gamblers who cherish a system is that it seems to be an infallible way of losing money, not making it. But the hope of devising a winning one still persists. . . .

Nor are systems confined to the casino. The stock market (yes, I know it is fashionable to describe it as a casino in some circles) also attracts the inventive mind. There is a well known portfolio in one of the weekly City magazines which is selected by means of a system, as well as other less publicized formulae for picking winning shares.

The unit trust industry has now become one of the targets for the punters (sorry, systematic investors). At the simplest level there is pound-cost averaging, where the investor invests a regular amount each month, irrespective of the state of the market. And as systems go, it is not too bad at that.

However, of the more imaginative systems being used it is the "contra-cyclical" one which seems to appeal most. This is based on the empirical evidence that often funds which do badly in one year tend to perform well in the subsequent year. Or, put another way, last year's winners are likely to be this year's losers.

Of course, it shares the same pitfalls as any other system: namely, it does not always work. Individual market sectors, or even different stock markets, do not perform to order in one year cycles—and neither do unit trusts. Some winners do well for a couple of years; and some laggards continue to languish at the bottom of the annual league table for what seems forever.

Frankly, the investment background of some of the management groups also does not convince me that their ugly ducklings of one year will be transformed into wonderful swans the next, no matter how well the market or sector selected had done.

So, if you are going to follow the system of buying last year's duds in the hope of a promising performance this year, then I would recommend you to restrict the choice to the worst of the funds run by management groups whose investment expertise you admire.

We have run a slide-rule over what would have happened had the system been applied to the funds run by M & G, generally acknowledged at the moment to be one of the consistently successful management groups. Let us assume £10,000 to have been invested at the beginning of 1972 in the group's Flexible Bond. (This single premium contract allows switching into another fund at bid price rather than offer price for a fixed fee which works out at £25.

Looking at the tables, all I can say it that I wish I had had the money to play this system then. Anyone who put £10,000 into the Equity fund (M & G's worse performer in 1971) and at the beginning of the subsequent years switched his proceeds into the worst performing fund of the previous year would by now be showing a five-fold increase in capital. At the end of 1977 his investment would have been worth £50,747.

An investor who consistently plumped for the previous year's best fund would not have done nearly as well. He would not be showing a loss, but his £10,000 would be a paltry £11,696. The man who could never get it right and always pre-selected the fund which would do worst each year would have ended up with only £2,658.

But what of the omniscient investor who just knew which funds in the coming year were going to the best performers? Had he switched on that basis then his £10,000 would have been converted into an astonishing £132,000 at the end of last year. What a useless gift is hindsight.

Margaret Stone

£10,000 initial investment in the worst performing M & G Fund of the previous year

Year	Fund	Amount invested at beginning of year £	Bid price at beginning of year p	Units bought	Bid price at end of year p	Value at end of year £
1972	Equity	10,000.00	89.3*	11,198.208	117.2	13,124.30
1973	Property	13,124.30	109.3	12,007.594	138.7	16,654.53
1974	American	16,629.53	30.2	55,064.669	19.0	10,462.29
1975	Extra Yield	10,437.29	25.9	40,293.417	65.1	26,234.27
1976	Property	26,209.27	113.6	23,071.540	128.9	29,739.22
1977	Extra Yield	29,714.22	62.3	47,695.377	106.4	50,747.88
1978	Japan	50,722.88	115.8	43,802.141	—	—

£10,000 initial investment in the best performing M & G Fund of the previous year

1972	Recovery	10,000.00	98.8*	10,121.457	133.2	13,481.78
1973	Japan	13,431.78	109.0	12,368.606	88.7	10,970.95
1974	Property	10,945.95	138.7	7,891.817	108.4	8,554.73
1975	Japan	8,529.73	68.0	12,543.321	106.8	13,396.69
1976	Extra Yield	13,371.69	65.7	20,352.648	62.3	12,679.70
1977	American	12,654.70	46.2	27,391.126	42.7	11,696.01
1978	Recovery	11,671.01	73.6	15,857.350	—	—

* Offer price.

Fixed interest investment

Taking the portfolios out of cold storage

Some people thrive on the cold weather. I cannot, alas, count myself among them and would happily opt for a brief period of hibernation. I might even dream up the most marvellous investment strategy yet to appear on these pages.

Reality, though, must prevail and I have decided that it is high time to take a look, in the cold light of a cold day, at the stocks that went to make up last year's portfolios.

The suitable portfolio structure for each individual investor varies, of course, quite considerably—not least, as I have said before, according to individual tax situations. The best the writer can really hope for is that something he has to say, or one of the stocks that takes his fancy, will provide readers with the occasional interesting piece to slot into their particular financial jigsaws.

HIGH INCOME PORTFOLIO (1)

	Purchase price	Yield at 21/1/77	Price now
Treasury 15½% 1998	£110	14.1	£131
British Leyland 8% unsecured loan 1988-2003	£39½	20.2	£48
Turner & Newall 11¾% unsecured loan 1985-2000	£77¾	15.1	£97
Trust House Forte	123p	9.2	198
Grattan Warehouses	84p	8.7	128

HIGH INCOME PORTFOLIO (2)

Building society ordy accts	—	8.33*	—
GLC 12¼% 1983	£104	12	£104
BAT Investments 10½% unsec loan stock 1990-95	£81	12.9	£93
Wilkinson Match 10% Conv 1988-98	£83	12.1	£95
Lonrho	79p	12.4	75

* Present yield.

Turning to last year's portfolios, there were what I would describe as two and a half of them. The first two, created in January and May, were fairly full ones. The half portfolio, a creation of late summer, was more of a recommendation for a general spread of funds.

As far as the first portfolio goes, I would be inclined to hang on to the long gilt. Where the stock goes from here in terms of capital value must be regarded as uncertain, but it would be difficult to reinvest the proceeds of a sale at an equivalent yield. Also, hopes that the power workers will fall into line behind the miners on pay policy should leave the long end of the market with scope for further appreciation, provided the Chancellor does not stir up fresh inflationary fears with his Budget.

The British Leyland loan stock remains a risk investment. In spite of the National Enterprise Board's control of Leyland, the stock must not be considered to be government guaranteed.

If Leyland survives, all well and good. If it does not, the hope must be that Leyland will at least last long enough for investors to have covered their capital costs out of the exceptionally high income they are receiving.

One stock investors might consider selling before long is Turner and Newall. The company will be buying in 1¼ per cent of this stock per annum at par from late 1981. That may seem some way ahead but it could still restrict the scope for much further appreciation in the meantime, if markets rise further on the back of a falling exchange rate.

Given that most company loan stocks are offering very little, if any, margin over gilts, the costs of switching into gilts might be worthwhile in this case, though some investors may well have to take any capital gains tax liability into account, too.

As for the two ordinary shares, Grattan and Trust Houses Forte, I said last September that investors who believed that the bull market was almost over might consider selling. The market peaked at the end of September, but Trust Houses Forte has in fact more than held its price through the subsequent market decline.

The latest figures from the company were very good and the financial position has improved dramatically. The one question mark is whether the cream from the tourist boom is going to continue very much longer after the recent appreciation of sterling.

The second portfolio need little comment. The GLC stock should still be held as a good medium-term yielding one. The BAT loan stock remains far enough below par for the sinking fund operation in the early 'eighties to be of no worry for the moment.

The Wilkinson Match convertible looks dear at first glance offering conversion into the ordinary shares (up until 1983 at just over 240p against present market price of under 190p.

But the yield remains good for a convertible and it remains to be seen what benefits may flow from Wilkinson's major new shareholder, the American Allegheny Corporation. Allegheny bought its initial 29 per cent stake at 260p a share.

At London, I pause and then say: Hold on for the time being.

As for last September's recommendations of spreading cash between a managed gilt fund and, after shopping around, a suitable building society investment scheme, I think the advice was reasonable. But I will return to options for new investors in gilts at more length during the next few weeks.

John Whitmore

Pensions

Many variations in widows' benefits

Widows' pensions payable under occupational pension schemes vary widely in both amount and conditions of payment from one scheme to another. Even when the pension has started to be paid, it does not necessarily—or even normally—continue until the widow's death and then stop.

It is quite usual for the pension payable on the death of a member before he retires to terminate on the remarriage of the widow or to continue after her death if she leaves children of school age. The provision for cessation on remarriage is found in the state scheme, too—both the present flat rate scheme and also the new earnings related scheme starting in April.

The state scheme goes much further than most occupational schemes, however, in discontinuing the widow's pension if she subsequently cohabits with a man as his wife, and in starting pension payments at all (after the short-term benefit received by all widows) only if she is over a certain age or has young children.

Schemes which contract out of the state scheme in April will be required to provide a widow's pension, but this will be compulsory only in circumstances in which a state widow's pension would be payable. It remains to be seen to what extent this requirement brings occupational widows' pensions more in line with the state benefit.

Hitherto, occupational pension schemes have not followed the conditions of the state scheme in this respect—naturally enough, for the basic philosophy behind the two types of scheme is quite different. The state scheme provides for those who are not able to look after themselves.

A young widow without children may be expected to earn her own living and requires only a period for readjustment. Similarly, if she remarries, she is in the same position as any other wife, able to work if she wishes or dependent on her husband's earnings: the need for the widow's pension therefore no longer exists.

The position is the same if the widow lives with a man without going through the formality of a marriage: the state scheme in these circumstances suspends the widow's pension as long as the relationship continues, but resumes payments if it breaks up.

If a second marriage terminates through the husband's death and the woman finds herself a widow for a second time, she will be able to claim a widow's pension (if she otherwise satisfies the necessary conditions) on the basis of her second marriage.

If the second marriage terminates in divorce, the question of the widow's (or wife's) financial position ought to be one of the factors taken into account in fixing the terms of dissolution of the marriage.

I am not sure to what extent this in fact happens: the point is certainly taken in relation to an occupational pension scheme—there was a recent case in the courts where a wife opposed a divorce petition on the grounds that it would result in the loss of her widow's pension rights under (in that case) the Post Office Pension Scheme, and the divorce was granted only after the husband had agreed to make alternative arrangements.

This principle—meeting a social need—is, of course, also valid in an occupational pension scheme, but in this case there are other considerations as well. Increasingly in recent years the benefits under employers' pension schemes have come to be regarded as part of the remuneration of the members.

The older view, which looked to the social conscience of the employer to relieve hardship in old age or widowhood, is no longer generally held.

There remains, however, a conflict in the minds of many employers. There is a reluctance to state the terms of a pension scheme in such a way that a young widow could remarry and still continue to draw her widow's pension while already enjoying a very satisfactory standard of living. A lot of younger members of the pension scheme may find this point of view reasonable.

On the other hand, more highly paid employees may feel that their widows would be likely to suffer a fall in their living standards if they should remarry. This would be a particularly serious matter if there were still dependent children.

One important factor in considering this question is the cost—the effect of allowing for cessation on remarriage is really very small. For younger members, where the proportionate effect is biggest (because the young widow is the more likely to remarry) the cost of the widow's pension is very small in absolute terms, because the chance that the member will die is small. Thus, the saving in money terms is also small.

For older members, although the cost of the widow's pension rises as the chance of the member's death increases, the saving from terminating the widow's pension on remarriage becomes negligible.

This means that the financial implications of including this provision (or not) are really trivial and it is quite irrational to concentrate on the unlikely possibility that some "undeserving" widow may receive a benefit from the pension scheme after her remarriage. More relevant, in spite of what I have said earlier in this article, is the social implication of this condition.

Unlike the state scheme, occupational pension schemes normally consider it impracticable to suspend widows' pensions if the widow cohabits with a man as his wife. The scheme authorities do not have either the powers or the resources to investigate suspected cases of cohabitation and it is unlikely that an employer would be prepared to interfere in this way in the private affairs of widows of former employees even if he were able to do so.

Termination of widows' pensions on remarriage without the corresponding provision for suspension on cohabitation thus merely places a financial penalty on marriage—rather than just living together. This cannot be socially or morally satisfactory.

There must also be some doubt about the efficiency with which the provision can be implemented: it is dependent on the widow notifying her remarriage, or on someone from the pension scheme authorities keeping sufficiently in contact with widows of former members to be able to rely on discovering when any of them remarry.

In the light of all the problems it is surprising that so many schemes in fact provide for a widow's pension to cease on remarriage.

Eric Brunet

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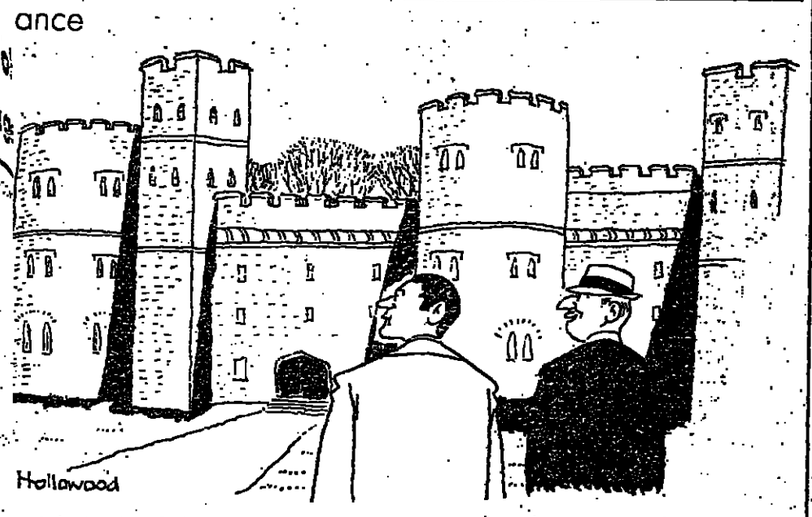
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Apart from tax-free gifts to a wife, up to £2,000 a year can be given away completely free from tax. No tax is charged on the first £15,000 of chargeable transfers and a lifetime gift attracts a lower rate of tax than assets passing at death, provided the donor lives for four years after making the gift.

But there are people who do leave a surprisingly large amount. Usually they are in the "worth more dead than alive" category.

If a man arranges a substantial life assurance on his own life and wants the benefits to go to his wife, there is no longer any necessity for the policy to be in the wife's name (insuring his life) or on a trust basis in her favour, which avoided the money passing through the husband's estate.

Now the benefits can be paid at his death into his estate and, subject to the usual delay in winding up the estate, the wife will receive the benefits tax free, if they are left to her in her husband's will.

Another reason for arranging benefits to be paid into the individual's estate is that future complications which may arise can be avoided. For example, in the event of divorce it is easier to make a fresh will than to cancel a trust in favour of a former wife.

The amount of benefit which may be paid in this way may depend on the man's age. For instance, a man with a growing family, besides having an endowment policy which has not yet matured, and possibly a whole-life policy, may have substantial term assurance in force. This is quite cheap, since it simply covers the risk of death within a pre-determined period —usually until the children will be self-supporting.

In the event of death after that point the policy would probably no longer be in force.

If, however, a man with a growing family leaves very little in his will, it should not be assumed that his wife and children will have severe financial problems. He may very well have arranged adequate life assurance to provide a capital sum, or a tax-free income up to a specified date in the future, in trust for his wife or children.

In this event, the benefits will be paid by the life office direct to the beneficiaries and they will not go into his estate and will thus not appear in his will.

Because of estate duty, therefore, and now capital transfer tax, coupled with the different types of life assurance which can be arranged, the amount which a person leaves at his death as published may be no guide to how much he was worth when alive or to how his widow and children will manage financially in the future.

John Drummond

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● Clive Discount is extending its range of fixed interest investment facilities with two new offshore gilt-edged funds. One, Clive Gilt Fund (Jersey), is aimed specifically at Jersey residents, the other, Clive Gilt Fund (Channel Islands), is aimed at non-Jersey residents, largely British expatriates.

As a group Clive already manages more than £100m of fixed interest funds on behalf of institutions and large private clients and last year it launched two United Kingdom funds, a capital and an income one. These were co-mingled funds and because of their complexity have remained fairly small, with a total under management of about £2m.

Clive views its two new offshore funds as a logical extension of the earlier ones, although it expects them to become much larger within a fairly short time.

Both are open-ended funds and are structured like unit trusts. Shares will be therefore issued and redeemed at prices reflecting the underlying net asset value of the funds as a whole. But by being offshore they will avoid the problem that a United Kingdom gilt-edged unit trust would face—of having to pay 52 per cent corporation tax besides any income tax the investor himself might pay.

Investors in the Channel Islands Fund will be paid dividends without deduction of tax at source, so they will receive the gross amount. They will, however, have to pay capital gains tax on any increase in the value of their investment when they come to sell. In this respect they could suffer a bigger tax liability than if they invested directly in gilts and held them for more than a year, when they would escape CGT.

The funds will aim for a high level of income and will therefore have a bias towards the middle and longer end of the market. But they also intend to be highly flexible and will be prepared to go wholly liquid if necessary. It is this management flexibility which is likely to be the main attraction to investors.

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anynge	22.9	165.0
	22.8	81.9
ofessional	22.3	89.4
	22.3	87.6
rustee	21.8	95.3
owth F	21.5	117.1
ovident	21.3	134.5
t Invest	20.8	68.4
ak Fourth	20.6	—
	20.1	116.2
eneral	19.8	82.8
Technology	19.6	116.0
all Cap Gro	19.3	74.4
	19.0	92.4
Inc Assets	19.0	102.6
wth & Inc	18.8	88.0
urities	18.8	106.2
	18.7	49.2
& Ind	18.6	89.1
pital	18.5	125.2
II	18.1	—
	18.0	60.5
Domestic	18.0	68.1
neral	17.8	86.6
tal	17.6	90.7
British	17.1	79.1
Balanced	17.0	112.1
ind	16.9	88.3
e Accum	16.9	95.9
	16.8	103.7
und M	16.6	108.1
t	16.5	84.0
t	16.2	77.8
l Cap	16.2	104.8
	16.0	61.5

Ansbacher Inc Mthly	35.5	—
L & C Income	34.6	—
M & G Extra Yield	34.6	162.7
Gartmore High Inc	34.2	168.7
Henderson High Inc	33.1	130.1
Schroder Income F	33.0	160.8
Barrington High Yield	32.8	—
Arbuthnot Extra Inc	31.7	121.0
Target Income	31.2	131.8
Gartmore Income	30.8	142.1
Mutual High Yield	30.8	100.1
Unicorn Extra Inc	30.7	127.3
Carliol High Yield F	29.7	—
Chieftain High Inc	29.2	—
Oceanic High Income	29.2	95.8
Capel Income	29.0	—
S & P High Return	28.8	157.8
Key Income	28.7	111.6
Tyndall Scottish Inc	28.6	103.1
Antony Gibbs Income	27.3	—
Hill Samuel High Yld	26.3	131.6
Britannia Inc & Gth	26.3	95.1
Rowan High Yield	25.5	106.9
Wickmoor Dividend	25.2	—
Alben Income	25.0	110.1
London Wall Ext Inc	24.8	—
M & G Dividend	24.7	134.8
Britannia Extra Inc	24.6	82.8
Vanguard High Yield	24.6	—
Lawson High Yield	23.7	86.3
Arbuthnot High Inc	22.9	94.7
Unicorn Income	22.6	119.8
Allied High Income	21.9	90.4
Crescent High Distr	21.7	97.7
Target Extra Income	21.7	101.9
Midland Drayton Inc	21.4	103.0
S & P Income	21.4	100.2
British Life Dividend	21.3	115.2
Allied Equity Income	20.8	126.7
London Wall High Inc	20.0	123.3
Piccadilly Extra Inc	19.4	60.7
Tyndall Income	18.6	129.3
S & P Select Income	18.5	102.6
Charterhouse Income	18.3	74.9
Nat & Comm Inc F	18.3	123.3
New Court Income	18.1	67.6
Sebag Income	17.9	70.5
Trident Income	17.9	66.8
Hill Samuel Income	17.3	111.6
Britannia Nat High Inc	16.8	72.3
Bridge Income	16.7	83.3
Canlife Income	16.7	90.8
S & P High Yield	16.1	103.2
National West Ext Inc	15.9	—
S & P Scotyields	15.5	86.6
Mutual Income	14.3	94.9
National West Inc	13.9	88.2
Abbey Income	13.8	105.7
Pearl Income	13.2	93.2
Lloyds Bank Third	13.0	95.9

Income	A	B
Framlington Inc	51.5	230.6
GT Income	46.1	126.7
M & G High Income	39.9	156.7
Allied Ham High Yld	39.0	157.4
Prolific High Inc	35.8	137.1

A: Change since February 10, 1977 offer to bid, income reinvested.
B: Change since February 6, 1975 offer to bid, income reinvested. Both taken to February 9, 1978.
M: Trust valued monthly.
F: Trust valued every two weeks.

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Sterling strength hits Reed Shaw Osler

By Tony May

Fluctuations in exchange rates took toll of the results of Reed Shaw Osler, the Canadian-quoted international insurance broking group, in which Stenhouse Holdings has a 54.24 per cent stake. While its results show an 11.3 per cent increase in net earnings in terms of Canadian dollars, the translation of these results into sterling produces a fall of 11 per cent to £1.87m before tax for the first quarter.

Commission and fees earned brought in £15m against £15.2m from which operating expenses took £13.8m against £13.7m. Interest, dividends and rental income then added £700,000 against £610,000. Net earnings a share are down from 6.22p to 5.65p. The board however points out that the results for the first quarter are not necessarily an indication of the outturn for the full year.

Over the whole of 1976-77 the company showed its importance to Stenhouse Holdings by raising its contribution to Stenhouse's profits by just over one third to £8.59m. The other £2.63m of profits came from the industrial activities of Stenhouse to give the group a record pre-tax total of £10.01m —a 35 per cent increase.

Annual profits of Reed Shaw itself went up from £12.4m to £15.8m, underlining the group's role as one of the world's major international insurance and re-insurance brokers and risk managers. Commission income went up by 29.4 per cent to £72m. Unlike the previous year when almost half of its profit growth came from currency fluctuations these had only a minor effect. The results were achieved despite unsettled conditions in international economies.

Lower profits forecast for year at Scotcros

By Michael Clark

The board of Scotcros, the packaging-food and transport equipment group, in a circular to shareholders regarding the takeover of the Remy Group, of France, says that there is likely to be some reduction in the group's consolidated pre-tax profits for the current year.

The deal, which was announced last October and is Scotcros's first move into Europe, involved it paying about £1.07m for an 80 per cent stake in Remy.

The document also disclosed that pre-tax profits of Remy, which makes closure and packaging for the food and drinks industry, have grown from £198,000 in 1973 to £374,000 in 1976. The latest eight months to end-August, 1977 shows some £284,000. But because the deal was completed only a short time before the end of Remy's financial year on December 31 last, the results of Remy are not to be consolidated in the Scotcros results for the year to end-March next.

The directors go on to say that the Scotcros companies and Remy continue to trade profitably. But because of exceptional non-recurring costs of at least £200,000 in connexion with two major United Kingdom development projects—plastic sheet production in the packaging division and safety cabs in the transport division—there is likely to be some reduction in pre-tax profits for the corresponding year. However, the board's view of an improving future remains unchanged.

Charterhouse disposal

Charterhouse Group has sold to Bell and Webster, a subsidiary of Eleco Holdings, for some £240,000 cash, that part of the business of Charcon Structures concerned with pre-cast concrete framed buildings, together with certain assets having a written down book value of £270,000.

Charcon Structures made trading losses of £1.3m in the year to September 30, 1977. This included large losses made by its architectural panel business which was closed down earlier last year. By this action Charterhouse has further reduced its exposure in the construction industry.

The Charcon Group, the parent company of Charcon Structures, now consists of companies successfully making concrete flags, kerbs, tunnel linings, piles and GRC products, operating from five factories in the United Kingdom and one in Holland.

In September, 1976 Charterhouse reached agreement for Amalgamated Roadstone Corporation to buy the concrete pipe business of Charcon for £3.45m cash. Under a separate agreement the merchanting and making of pipes in Scotland would continue to be run by Charcon Scotland.

Robeco goes 11pc ahead in 1977

Europe's biggest investment trust, Robeco of Holland, has achieved a 10.6 per cent rise in profits for 1977 to 199.6m florins. Net assets of the group, its full name is Rottersdamsch Beleggingsconsortium, totalled 4,134.3m florins, compared with 4,338.6m florins, to give a dip in the net asset value a share from 187 florins to 172 florins. The number of shares in issue went up from 24.3m to 25.3m.

In October, the board noted that generally investors had been reluctant to commit new funds, despite increasing business profits and dividends, and share prices had therefore not been rising. However, this had created a sound base for stable future development, and the profit and dividend rises were expected to show up in share movements eventually.

Marshall's suspended after bid approach

Another rise in the shares of Marshall's Universal, the big Peugeot dealer, took them up 21p to 162p, before the board stepped in and asked for a temporary suspension. The directors have received a letter which "might or might not" lead to a partial offer for the company. As the board has not been able to establish the authority of the approach, and because the share price was moving, the halt to dealings was decided upon.

West of England Trust, meanwhile, makes it clear that it has not disposed of its 26.16 per cent stake in Marshall's; nor has it received an approach to do so from any prospective buyer.

Bonser findings go to Dept of Trade

A special committee appointed by the Council of the Stock Exchange to investigate dealings in Bonser Engineering has found that Security Selection, a licensed dealer, bought shares in the company on February 8, 1977, through one broker below the prevailing market price and sold a smaller block of shares later that day through another broker.

The sale was effected at 193p and these shares were simultaneously acquired by a unit trust managed by Security Selection at 197p when the market price was 18-21p.

The profit realized on these transactions was transferred to the unit trust on August 12 last year and additional payments were made to all unit holders who sold their holdings between February 8 and August 12, 1977. The committee was informed of these transactions by Security Chairman, Mr Tim Yeo, on January 19. The Council has formally reported these findings to the Department of Trade.

Stock markets

Nervous end to account

At the end of a week dominated by the miners' settlement equities traded nervously in front of a batch of crucial economic indicators due next week.

These include trade figures, retail prices index and money supply, the last named being a particular point of concern with a wide variety of opinions on whether growth has exceeded the Government's target area.

These considerations apart, a total lack of short-term incentive now that the miners have been fully discounted meant that the *FT* Index spent most of the session below its overnight level. After some early interest had put it up 0.6 by 10 am it fell away on the subsequent inactivity and though off the bottom closed 2.3 lower at 471.0.

This left it 12.3 up on the week but 6.5 down over the two-week account.

"Bed-and-breakfast" deals put extra pressure on Reed International yesterday and the shares gave up 4½p to close at 102p. Persistent selling has wiped £37m off the capitalization since the beginning of this month. The historic yield is over 19 per cent but this year's final now seems certain to be halved and a cut in the subsequent interim could reduce the return to under 10 per cent, as Reed wrestles with its gearing problem.

In the gilt-edged market there was considered to be an evens chance of a new short "tap" and the lack of one brought a brief flurry of interest to that end of the market. Initial interest had earlier added a quarter to most prices which then lost one-eighth. They then returned to their former levels but late profit-taking meant that the closing range was between one eighth and one quarter to the good.

Disappointment that the Government Broker could only make further long "tap" sales at £26.37 instead of the expected £26.50 depressed longer maturities which quickly gave back early gains of half a point. Most stocks were little changed on the day.

Though minus signs dominated the leaders pitch there were isolated spots of resistance like Hawker Siddeley, which added 2p to 188p, and BAT Industries, which held up at 297p.

The word on the oil pitch is that Gas & Oil Acreage should get Government approval soon for production on block 21/1 on the Buchan Field. The snag concerned tanker loading methods. The shares, quoted in limited form, have staged firm all week at around 95p.

Particularly hard hit were Glaxo, down 5p to 565p, Unilever 4p to 504p and Bowater which also dipped 4p to 168p. Elsewhere in papers DRG dipped 2p to 113p after some adverse comment.

With figures due in the next account ICI was a weak marker on nervous selling and dipping 2p for a close of 354p.

Continuing disenchantment with the revised Allegheny terms once again hit Wilkinson Match, which slipped another 7p to 180p, while Ofrex gained 5p to 115p, after touching 120p, after Vickers denial of takeover interest.

Fresh investment demand and vague takeover talk lifted Spirax Sarco 14p to 262p, while for similar reasons Vinten Group, mentioned here in the past as a bid prospect, gained 5p for a close of 83p.

The takeover talk in Marshall's Universal, highlighted here in yesterday's issue, was vindicated when the shares leapt 12p to 162p before being suspended. It was later learnt that the company had received an approach which might lead to a partial offer.

Lorry maker ERF continued to move strongly ahead on takeover speculation rising another 9p to 179p. But some market men feel the shares are an attractive investment in its own right, but this time fellow lorry maker Fodens was unchanged at 57p.

Imperial Tobacco slipped 1p to 79p but there is some support for them on yield considerations. The prospective and solid looking return is just over 12 per cent and there are hopes that profits may rise a bit this year.

The investment seminar revealed here on Westland Aircraft given by Schroder Wagg and Rowe and Pitman has done nothing for the shares. They eased 1p to 47p yesterday. Many in the audience are reported to have come away with a good impression of the new chairman, Lord Aldington, but doubts about the group's problems remain. However Westland has apparently accepted the idea of brokers visiting the Yeovil works in the spring.

Hopefuls are alighting on Bernard Wardle, the PVC processor and coated fabrics group. It hoisted profits from £292,000 to £589,000 in the first half of the year to November 27 and not surprisingly the chairman last August expected the full year to show a marked recovery. The group is valued in the market at around £3.5m and seems to be heading for annual profits of £1m. The dividend is also going up. So the present 9 per cent yield and historic 10 p/e are not daunting.

Down 1p to 99p slipped Grand Metropolitan. This favourite on consumer spending hopes will be holding a big seminar for institutions soon, and once again before the annual meeting for all shareholders on March 9.

News that West of England Trust still had its stake in Marshall's Universal lifted the shares 5p to 45p. Australian share Marra Developments was another wanted speculatively rising 3½p to 5½p and Lee Cooper closed 7p ahead at 112p after a session of persistent demand.

Equity turnover on February 9 was £95.75m (16,844 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Reed International, Shell, Ofrex, Gus 'A', BAT Ind, ICI, Unilever, GEC, Vinten, Spirax-Sarco, ERF, Robertson Foods and Marra Developments.

Latest results

Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Int or Fin	—(—)	0.002(0.001)	0.02(0.01)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)
Customagic (I)	1.9(2.4)	0.015(0.013)	—(—)	Nil(4.5)	—	—(0.45)
Elbiet (I)	—(—)	0.12(0.11)	—(—)	0.35(0.35)	14/4	—(1.01)
Ldn & Gartmore (I)	—(—)	0.09(0.10)	0.18(0.19)	—(—)	—	—(0.24)
Mt Lyell (I)	11.6(14.8)	1.7c(5.5c)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Robeco (F)	—(—)	199.6(180.4)	—(—)	5.2a(—)	—	12.80a(12.6a)
J. Warren (F)	3.7(11.5b)	0.15c(0.28c)	—(—)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Florins. b For 15 months. c Loss.

Act before 5th APRIL for extra tax relief this year

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International

Kodak puts emphasis on quality service

Rochester, New York.—Eastman Kodak reports a 1 per cent drop in 1977 net income though operating earnings rose by about 5 per cent to $1.19 billion. The fourth quarter net profit was $1.40 a share, up from $1.37 in the 1976 period. The full year's profit was $3.99 a share, down from $4.03.

Kodak says that its objective in 1978 is growth in earnings per share at attractive rates of return. "The emphasis on cost effectiveness, on maintaining Kodak's position in quality and in service support will continue", the group said, adding that it is confident that its effort will produce positive results. Kodak expects good gains in sales of photographic products, both domestically and internationally.

Elf Aquitaine stake

Paris.—Tunisia signed an agreement with Nationale Elf Aquitaine and Elf Aquitaine Tunisie, taking a 50 per cent stake in the Golfe de Gabes permit area and in the Ashtart concession held by Elf Aquitaine Tunisie, Elf Aquitaine, the French state oil group, said.

Happy Norton Simon

Norton Simon Inc, the international consumer marketing corporation, has reported record sales and earnings for both the quarter and the six months to December 31. Revenues for the second quarter increased 26.5 per cent to $573,447,000 and for the six months 27 per cent to 1,132,652,000. Net income for the December quarter was 31,392,000 up from $30,123,000 last year, and for the six months was $58,640,000 compared with 51,887,000 a year ago.

Pirelli on even keel

Basle.—Société Internationale Pirelli expects profits for the year to June 30 to be similar to the previous year's net figure of Fr 32.75m. In calendar 1977, the companies under its control posted sales of around Fr 2.96 billion against Fr 2.66 billion in 1976 and their profits were generally satisfactory, it said in a statement.—Reuter.

Briefly

Leaderflush buy 50pc in Sheldon

Leaderflush, the swing door-to-furniture group, is buying a 50 per cent stake in Sheldon Commercial Properties, a company formed by Firstgrace, the parent company of Sheldon Contracting of Solihull, Warwickshire.

The joint company will have a paid up capital share of £34,000 which will be owned equally. Its assets will initially consist of cash subscribed by Firstgrace, and that it will engage in the development of commercial properties. Negotiations are advanced for the buying of a suitable property.

BRAID GROUP
Plans for this year embrace a continuing upward trend in profit and chairman has every hope that they will be fulfilled.

ALFRED PREEDY & SONS
ICFC says rights issue by Preedy of 1.57m new shares has been accepted on 1.53m (97.4 per cent).

MECCA-HULL CINEMAS
Offer by Mecca declared unconditional. Acceptances received for 535,495 ordinary shares representing 96.6 per cent of the equity.

HAWKINS & TIPSON
With first few months behind him chairman confirms forecast that profits for year will equal on exceed those for 1976-77.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	6½%
Barclays Bank	6½%
Consolidated Crdts	6½%
First London Secs	6½%
C. Hoare & Co	*6½%
Lloyds Bank	6½%
London Mercantile	6½%
Midland Bank	6½%
Nat Westminster	6½%
Rossminster Acc's	6½%
TSB	6½%
Williams and Glyn's	6½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3½%, up to £25,000 3¾%, over £25,000 4¼%.

Commodities

COPPER was firm on the possibility that Zambia Zaire and Peru might decide at a London meeting to cut back production by 15 per cent. At the afternoon close cash wire bars were £12 up on the day and three months had also risen £12.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £644-45 a metric ton; three months, £657.50-58.00. Sales, 4,400 tons. Cash cathodes, £633.50-35.00; three months, £647-47.50. Sales, 450 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £643.50-44.00; three months, £656.50-57.00. Settlement, £644. Sales, 6,800 tons. Cash cathodes £634.50-35.50; three months, £646-48.50. Settlement, £635.50. Sales, 1,100 tons.

SILVER gained about 2p in the ring.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 255p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 489.6); three months, 259.8p (496.9c); six months, 262.15p (506.7c); one year, 272.6p (526.3c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 255.7-55.9p; three months, 257.7-57.8p. Sales, 70 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 255.2-55.5p; three months, 257.2-57.5p. Settlement, 255.5p. Sales, 105 lots.

TIN was easier.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,340-50 a metric ton; three months, £6,260-65. Sales, 520 tons. High grade, cash, £6,340-50; three months, £6,265-80. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,410-15; three months, £6,310-15. Settlement, £6,415. Sales, 255 tons. High grade, cash, £6,415-25; three months, £6,315-30. Settlement, £6,425. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, S$1,721 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash £313.50-14.50 per metric ton; three months, £319-19.50. Sales, 1,600 tons. Morning.—Cash, £315-15.50; three months, £321.50-21.50. Settlement, £315.50. Sales, 2,900 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £250-51 a metric ton; three months, £251.50-55.00. Sales, 300 tons. Morning.—Cash, £250-51; three months, £253.50-54.00. Settlement, £251. Sales, 1,700 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £111.50 ($215.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was about steady (pence per kilo).—March, 46.40-46.65; April, 46.85-47.00; April-June, 47.45-47.50; July-Sept, 49.00-49.05; Oct-Dec, 50.60-50.65; Jan-March, 52.35-52.40; April-June, 53.90-54.00; July-Sept, 55.50-55.55; Oct-Dec, 57.10-57.15. Sales: 5 lots at 5 tonnes; 350 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were uncertain.—Spot, 46.50-48.00. Cifs, March, 47.75-48.00; April, 48-48.50.

COFFEE.—Robustas were about steady; arabicas were steady.

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric tonne).—March, 1,815-15; May, 1,637-40; July, 1,539-40; Sept, 1,484-95; Nov, 1,431-50; Jan, 1,390-1,410; March, 1,350-80. Sales, 1,715 lots, including 18 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos).—April, 215-15.50; June, 197.60-98.00; Aug, 185.36-85.45; Oct, 176.25-76.50; Dec, 165.50-66.25; Feb, 158.30-58.60. Sales, 60 lots.

PALM OIL was quiet.—Feb, £270-80 per metric ton; March, April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept and Oct, £260-70.

COCOA was steady.— March, £1,612.50-13.00 per metric ton; May, £1,500-02; July, £1,479-81; Sept, £1,460-61; Dec, £1,430-32; March, £1,418-17.5; May, £1,395-99. Sales, 3,597 lots including 33 options. ICCO prices: daily, 131.10c; 15-day average, 129.85c; 22-day average, 132.31c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were quiet. The London daily price of "raws" was £1 higher at £108; the "whites" price was 50p lower at £118.50.—March, £115.65-15.75 per metric ton; May, £119.75-19.85; Aug, £122.25-22.35; Oct, £124.15-24.30; Dec, £115.90-26.00; March, £130.50-30.50; May, £133.20-33.30. Sales: 3,054 lots. ISA prices: 8.45c; 15-day average: 8.73c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Feb, £107-07.50 per metric ton; April, £102.80-03.20; June, £102.70-03.80; Aug, £103.30-03.90; Oct, £103.50-04.50; Dec, £103.70-04.20; Feb, £105-07.00. Sales: 42 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—March, 234-37; May 234-37; July 233-37; Oct 238-40; Dec 240-43; March 236-47; May 241-48; July 246-43. Sales, nil.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, afloat $450 per long ton; "D" grade, afloat $477. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs560 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs580.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT**.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Feb and March £99 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Feb £84.50; March £93.75 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Feb £98.75; March £99.75 trans-shipment east coast. Kenya grade 3: March £70 nominal. South African yellow: March £57.75 quoted.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta) EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was steady: March, £72; May, £74.50; Sept, £78.85; Nov, £81.50; Jan, £83.70. Sales, 186 lots. **WHEAT**.—Old slightly easier; new crop steady: March, £83.85; May, £85.65; Sept, £83.40; Nov, £83.70; Jan, £88.10. Sales, 57 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices:

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Kent	—	£79.60	£69.70
Lancs	—	£79.40	£71.40

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 10.—**GB**: Cattle, 62.72p per KgLW (—0.69). **UK**: Sheep, 130.8p per KgEstDCW (—0.8). **GB**: Pigs, 69.2p per KgLW (—0.6). **England and Wales**: Cattle numbers up 23.4 per cent, average price 62.73p (—0.75). Sheep numbers up 6.2 per cent, average price 130.5p (—0.8). Pig numbers down 11.8 per cent, average price 59.2p (—0.6). **Scotland**: Cattle numbers down 6.3 per cent, average price 62.67p (—0.53). Sheep numbers up 35.5 per cent, average price 131.5p (+0.9).

Foreign Exchange

Rates generally fluctuated within very narrow limits in quiet currency trading yesterday. Sterling ended five points better at $1.9355. The effective exchange rate index was unchanged at 66.2. Dealers said there was little interest in sterling.

The dollar tended to be a shade cheaper all round ahead of the United States closure on Monday for Lincoln's birthday. The French franc fell from 4.9000 to 4.8850. German marks rose from 2.1095 to 2.1055 and Swiss francs appreciated from 1.9590 to 1.9500.

Gold gained $2 per ounce to close in London at $175.125.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) February 10	Market rates (close) February 10
New York	$1.9320-9360	$1.9350-9360
Montreal	$2.1445-1530	$2.1485-1495
Amsterdam	4.35½-38fl	4.36½-37½fl
Brussels	63.20-65f	63.40-50f
Copenhagen	11.00-10k	11.06½-07½k
Frankfurt	4.06½-10½m	4.07½-08½m
Lisbon	75.00-80e	78.00-35e
Madrid	156.40-85p	156.55-65p
Milan	1669-73lr	1671½-72½lr
Oslo	9.92½-96k	9.94½-95½k
Paris	9.42-52f	9.44-46f
Stockholm	8.99½-9.03k	9.00½-01½k
Tokyo	465-72y	467-69y
Vienna	29.20-35sch	29.25-35sch
Zurich	3.76½-80f	3.77-78f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was unchanged at 66.2.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.03c prem-.07c disc	.08c prem-.05c disc
Montreal	par-.10c disc	.07c prem-.03c disc
Amsterdam	⅛c prem-⅛c disc	2½-1⅛c prem
Brussels	par-10c disc	par-10c disc
Copenhagen	8½-10½ore disc	24½-26½ore disc
Frankfurt	1½-½pf prem	4½-3½pf prem
Lisbon	60-140c disc	360-600c disc
Madrid	30-110c disc	210-290c disc
Milan	7-15lr disc	26-34lr disc
Oslo	8½-10½ore disc	24½-26½ore disc
Paris	6½-7½c disc	18½-19½c disc
Stockholm	3-5ore disc	10½-12½ore disc
Vienna	par-10gro disc	4-14gro disc
Zurich	2½-1½c prem	6½-5½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9003-09.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6⅛-6⅜; seven days, 6⅛-6⅜; one month, 6⅝-7; three months, 7⅛-7¼; six months, 7⅛-7¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $174.00 (an ounce); pm, $174.65.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $179¾-181¾ (£93-94); resident, $181-183 (£93-94½).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $55¾-57¾ (£29¾-29¾); resident, $56-58 (£29-30).

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½% (Last changed 6/1/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend High 6¾ Low 5½
Week Fixed: 6¾-5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5⅞	2 months	5⅞
3 months	5⅞	3 months	5⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	6⅛-6⅝	3 months	6⅞
3 months	6⅛-6⅝	4 months	6⅞
4 months	6⅛-6⅝	6 months	6⅞
6 months	6⅞-6⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6⅜-6⅞	7 months	6⅞-6⅞
2 months	6⅜-6⅞	8 months	6⅞-6⅞
3 months	6⅜-6⅞	9 months	7⅛-7⅞
4 months	6⅜-6⅞	10 months	7⅛-7⅞
5 months	6⅜-6⅞	11 months	7⅛-7⅞
6 months	6⅜-6⅞	12 months	7⅛-7⅞

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	6⅝-6⅞	6 months	7⅛-6⅞
3 months	6⅞-6⅞	12 months	7⅛-7⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	6-5½	3 months	6⅞
7 days	6-5½	6 months	7⅛
1 month	6⅞	1 year	7⅞

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 6⅝-6 Close 6

1 week	6⅝-6	6 months	7⅛-7⅛
1 month	6⅝-6⅝	9 months	7⅛-7⅛
3 months	6⅝-6⅝	12 months	7⅛-7⅛

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 7⅛ 6 months 7⅛

Finance House Base Rate 7%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£328m	allotted	£300m
Bids at	£98.50½	received	12%
Last week	£98.51½	received	58%
Average rate	5.8549%	Last week	5.8276%
Next week	£300m	replace	£300m

Discount market

The substantial amount of "tap" stock, Exchequer 10½ 1995, that the Government Broker sold on Thursday played a major part in the short conditions that prevailed in yesterday's money markets. To relieve the situation, the Bank of England gave help on a very large scale, including very large purchases of Treasury bills directly from the discount houses, and a small amount of local authority bills.

Wall Street

New York, Feb 10.—After moving in a narrow trading range throughout the day, the New York stock market closed lower.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 1.82 to 775.99.

Volume totalled 19.48 million compared with yesterday's 17.94 million.

Some 685 issues declined while 675 advanced.

The market opened lower amid news of a larger-than-expected advance in wholesale prices for January, poor prospects for a quick natural gas compromise, and the increased likelihood that the tentative coal pact would be rejected by the miners.

Later in the day, it was reported that the bargaining council of the United Mine Workers, in an informal non-binding ballot, voted 33 to 3 to reject the proposed coal contract.

However, the market showed surprising strength in midday trading.

	Feb 10	Feb 9
Allied Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
[rest of table illegible]		

Canadian Prices [illegible]

a Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9375 (1.9325); three months, 1.9375 (1.9300); Canadian dollar, 90.04 (90.00).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 0.35 at 353.04. The futures index was off 0.48 at 333.37.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials 773.99 (777.81); transportation 212.65 (213.33); utilities, 103.65 (105.63); 65 stocks, 273.36 (272.93). New York Stock Exchange index, 50.01 (50.11); industrials, 53.48 (53.64); transportation, 39.47 (39.61); utilities, 39.36 (39.31); financial, 51.32 (51.22).

Gold gains up to $4.50

New York, Feb 10.—**GOLD** futures closed up to $4.50 higher in active trading. NY COMEX: Feb, $176.00; March, $176.90; April, $178.00; June, $180.30; Aug, $183.00; Oct, $185.30; Dec, $188.00; Feb, $190.50; April, $193.20; June, $196.00; Aug, $198.80; Oct, $203.60; Dec, $205.50. CHICAGO IMM: March, $176.80-176.50; June, $180.50-180.70; Sept, $184.20-184.50; Dec, $188.30-188.50; March, $192.40; June, $196.30; Sept, $200.40; Dec, $204.50.

SILVER closed steady. Feb, 489.80c; March, 491.60c; April, 495.00c; May, 498.40c; July, 505.40c; Sept, 512.40c; Dec, 523.40c; Jan, 527.00c; March, 534.40c; May, 541.80c; July, 549.30c; Sept, 556.80c; Dec, 568.00c. Handy and Harman of Canada, $5.44a ($5.56).

COPPER closed steady. Feb, 58.00c; March, 58.30c; April, 58.80c; May, 59.30c; July, 60.30c; Sept, 61.20c; Dec, 62.60c; Jan, 63.10c; March, 64.00c; May, 64.90c; July, 65.90c; Sept, 66.80c; Dec, 68.20c.

SUGAR futures traded quietly in a flat range of 0.10-cent on local and trade book squaring ahead of the long Lincoln holiday weekend.—March, 8.96-97c; May, 9.25-26c; July, 9.45c; Sept, 9.60-61c; Oct, 9.70-75c; March, 10.35-55c; May, 10.51-57c; July, 10.70-80c.

COCOA futures closed 0.60 to 0.90 cent higher on light volume of 809 lots.—March, 158.35c; May, 126.60c; July, 122.35c; Sept, 119.95c; Dec, 117.30c; March, 115.30c; May, 113.30c.

COFFEE futures finished 0.50 to 5.40 cents down. March, 197.50; May, 176.00c; July, 163.00c; Sept, 156.35-7.00c; Dec, 144.99-5.00c; March, 139.00c; May, 135.00-7.00c; July, 134.00c.

COTTON: The nearby March cotton contract fell as much as 0.61 cent under pressure from switch-selling and long liquidation by the trade and speculators. March 55.85-6.05c; May, [illegible]; July, 58.20-50c; Oct, [illegible]; Dec, 59.65-68c; March, 60.00c; May 61.25-2.00c; July, 61.75-2.50c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS: Soyabean futures were back in a narrow price range in relatively light trading, and finished the session ½ cent higher. **SOYABEANS**: March, 558½-59½c; May, 568-67½c; July, 574-73½c; Aug, 575½c; Sept, 566½-67c; Nov, 566½-66c; Jan, 573c; March, 581c. **SOYABEAN OIL**: March, 20.27-29c; May, 20.22-25c; July, 20.25-29c; Aug, 20.30-35c; Sept, 19.90-98c; Oct, 19.55c; Dec, 19.55c; Jan, 19.50c; March, 19.50-65c. **SOYABEAN MEAL**: March, $148.80-9.00; May, $153.10-3.30; July, $156.30-6.50; Aug, $157.50; Sept, $158.50; Oct, $157.60; Dec, $159.30; Jan, $159.00-160.00; March, $159.50-160.50.

CHICAGO GRAINS: Wheat futures finished the session three to ¼ cents a bushel higher, with the March making the best gain. **WHEAT**: March, [illegible]; May, [illegible]; July, [illegible]; Sept, [illegible]; Dec, [illegible]; March, [illegible]. **MAIZE**: March, [illegible]; May, [illegible]; July, [illegible]; Sept, [illegible]; Dec, [illegible]; March, [illegible]. **OATS**: March, 131c; May, 133c; July, 133½c; Sept, 130½c; Dec, 140½c.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)	Bid	Offer
Australia 7½ 1984	90¼	96
Australia 8½ 1992	95	95¾
Aust Mining 9¼ 1992	98	98¾
Avco 9¼ 1985	100⅝	101¼
Barclays 8½ 1992	96⅝	97¼
Bowater 9¼ 1992	97	97¾
British Gas 9 1981	101¾	102¼
Citicorp 8¼ 1990	97	97½
Chicorp 7 1981	96¾	97¼
CECA 8¼ 1989	96¼	97
CECA 8¾ 1997	95½	97
DSM 8¼ 1987	96¾	97¼
Elf Aquitaine 8⅞ 1985	96¼	97
EIB 8¼ 1987	97	97⅞
EEC 7¼ 1984	96¾	97¼
Elsons 8¼ 1993	94¼	95
Gotaverken 7⅞ 1982	98	98¾
Gotaverken 8¼ 1987	94¼	95
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	96½	96¾
ICI 8¼ 1987	96¾	97⅛
I.U. O/seas 8¾ 1987	95¾	96¼
Light-Services 9 1982	97¼	98¼
MacMillan Bloed 9 1992	96¾	97¼
Midland Int 8¾ 1993	97	97¼
N.C.B. 8 1987	94¾	95¼
Nat West 9 1986	102	102⅞
New Zealand DTC 7¾ 1984	95¾	96¼
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	98¼	99¼
Occidental 8½ 1987	97	97¼
Occidental 9¾ 1981	102½	103¼
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	97½	98½
Quebec 9 1993	96½	95¼
Rank Hovis 9 1989	94	94¾
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	98½	99¼
Sandvik 9¼ 1986	99½	100¼
Statsforetag 7¾ 1982	97	97¾
Sundstrand 8¼ 1987	97½	98
Sweden 7¾ 1982	97½	98¼
Sweden 8¾ 1987	95¾	96¼
Tauernautobahn 8⅞ 1987	97	97¾
Walter Kidde 8¾ 1985	97	97¾

FLOATING RATE NOTES	Bid	Offer
Andelsbanken 7 11/16 84	96⅝	97⅝
CCF 6½ 1985	99⅝	99¼
IBJ 7 11/16 1983	99⅝	99¼
LTCB 6½ 1983	99⅝	99¼
UBS 6½ 1983	99⅝	100½
Soc Gen 7 9/16 1984	99⅝	99½

CANADIAN DOLLARS	Bid	Offer
Avco 9½ 1982	98½	99½
BM-RL 8¾ 1982	97½	98½
Ford 8½ 1984	97½	98½
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	98¾	99½
Rank 9½ 1982	99½	100½
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	98⅞	99½

DEUTSCHE MARKS	Bid	Offer
CFP 6¾ 1.7.84	103½	104½
ICI 6¾ 1.5.87	103	106
New Zealand 6¾ 1.5.84	105½	106
Pharm 6¼ 1.9.89	102	102½
Quebec Hydro 6¾ 16.8.87	101⅞	102½

US $ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
American Ex 4¼ 1987	81	83
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	94	96
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	107	109
Beecham 6¼ 1992	97¼	95¼
Borden 6¾ 1991	107	109
Carnation 4 1983	77½	79½
Chevron 5 1988	121	123
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	82	84
Fairchild Camera 5½ '91	81½	83½
Ford 5 1988	83½	84½
Ford 6 1986	91	93
Gen Electric 4¼ 1987	80	82
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76½	78½
Gould 5 1987	113½	115½
Gulf & Western 5 1988	78½	80½
Honeywell 6 1986	80	83
ICI 6¾ 1997	80½	87
INA 6 1997	95	97
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	102	104
ITT 4½ 1987	75	77
J. R. McDermott 4¾ 87	154½	155
Mitsui Real Estate 6 '92	114¾	116
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	94½	96
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	100½	102
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	76½	77
Revlon 4¾ 1987	106	108
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	81	85
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	82½	84
Squibb 4¾ 1987	73	80
Sumitomo Electric 6 '92	125½	125
Texaco 4¼ 1983	76½	78
U Bank of Switz 4¼ '87	141	143
Warner Lambert 4¾ '87	80	82
Xerox Corp 5 1988	77½	79

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Cardiff City 11¾ Rd 1985 (£100)	[illegible]
Exchequer 10½% 1995 (£95)	[illegible]
Partner S.W. 25p Ord (104)	122
Grampian Reg Cncl 10¾% 1985 (£97)	[illegible]
Holden (Arthur) 5p Ord (55)	64
Mid Kent W/W 7% 1983 (-)	£102¼
Sykes (Henry) 50p Ord	98
Treasury 10½% 1999 (£95)	£97¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Com Bnk Aust (£A1.75)	Mar 10	44 prem
Manch Garages (212)	Mar 3	6 prem
Midland Bank (300)	Feb 21	14 prem
Nat Bnk of Aust (£A1.75)	Mar 3	62 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £25 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £3 paid. h £55 paid. i £45 paid. j £60 paid.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
44	29	Airsprung Ord	42	—	4.2	10.1	7.8
150	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	139	—	18.4	13.0	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	38	—	3.3	8.7	16.2
147	105	Bardon Hill	147	—	12.0	8.2	10.1
108	51	Deborah Ord	108	+3	5.1	4.7	8.7
216	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	215	—	17.5	8.1	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	136	—	11.5	8.5	6.6
58	36	Jackson Group	49	−2	5.0	10.2	5.8
114	55	James Burrough	108	—	6.0	6.0	9.9
340	188	Robert Jenkins	320	—	27.0	8.4	5.4
24	9	Twinlock Ord	16½	—	—	—	—
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	82	—	12.0	14.6	—
79	51	Unilock Holdings	79	—	7.0	8.9	9.8
90	67	Walter Alexander	90	—	6.4	7.1	6.6

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]					

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]					

Offshore and International Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]					

ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous day's price. ∥ Ex all. ○ Dealings suspended. ¶ Subdivided. ‖ Cash value for £100 premium. ¶ Ex bonus. § Estimated yield. ‡ Yield before Jersey tax. p Periodic premium. s Single premium. Dealing or valuation days.—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (6) Feb 24. (7) Feb 14. (8) Feb 22. (9) Mar 1. (10) Feb 15. (16) Feb 21. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Thursday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

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Offshore Funds

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY "Afore ye go"

Stock Exchange Prices

Gilts subdued

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Begin, Monday. Dealings End, Feb 24. § Contango Day, Feb 27. Settlement Day, March 7

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY "Afore ye go"

IRISH FUNDS

1977/78 Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
5¾ Treas	96⅝ 1978	100⅝	..	8 574	5 497
7½ Treas	100¼ 1978	100¾	..	10.292	5 275
3½ Exch	87½ 1978-79	96¼	..	5 025	5 818
4¼ Treas	113½ 1979	104¾	+¼	11.031	7.287
13½ Treas	3½ 1979	99⅝	..	3 106	5 320
5¼ Elec	94½ 1979-79	97¾	..	4 359	6.062
7½ Treas	103½ 1979	102⅝	+¼	10.117	6 446
9½ Elec	3½ 1978-79	95½	..	3 667	6.247
7½ Treas Cnv	96 1980	101¼	+¼	8.853	6.056
7½ Treas	96½ 1980	101¼	..	9.335	6.892
7¼ Treas	95½ 1977-80	93¾	..	7.747	6.424
5½ Fund	56½ 1978-80	85	..	8.531	6.628
9¼ Exch	13½ 1980	108¾	..	12.002	9.508
9½ Treas	113½ 1981	105¾	+¼	10.967	9.444
13½ Treas	96½ 1979-81	90¾	+¼	3.933	6.567
13½ Treas	93½ 1981	100½	..	9.702	9.556
9½ Exch	84½ 1981	96½	..	8.548	9.457
9¾ Exch	90½ 1981	100¾	..	9.476	9.423
9¼ Exch	3½ 1981	104¼	..	3.128	6.996
9½ Exch	123½ 1981	109¾	+¼	11.693	9.787
9½ Treas	85½ 1980-82	97¾	+¼	9 648	9 188
9½ Treas	3½ 1982	88¾	+¼	3.498	7.301
9½ Treas	104½ 1982	113¾	+¼	12.375	9.360
9½ Treas	84½ 1982	95¾	+¼	8 637	9.536
9½ Exch	94½ 1982	58½	+¼	9 394	9.840
Exch	3½ 1983	95¾	+¼	3 638	7.238
4½ Treas	15½ 1983	107¼	+¼	11.997	9 900
4½ Treas	94½ 1983	96	+¼	9 566	9 669
½ Fund	56½ 1982-84	87¾	..	8.347	8.403
½ Treas	89½ 1981-85	94¾	..	9.801	9 593
Fund	69½ 1985-87	85¼	..	9.196	9.139
¼ Treas	76½ 1985-88	86¼	..	8.875	9.041
¼ Trans	3½ 1978-88	65¾	..	4.832	8.882
¼ Treas	5½ 1986-89	71¾	..	7.173	9.311
¼ Treas	13½ 1980	111¼	..	11.799	11.417
¼ Treas	84½ 1987-90	95	..	8.749	10.501
¼ Treas	11½ 1991	102¾	..	11.493	11.431
Fund	54½ 1987-91	73¼	..	8.313	10 021
¼ Treas	12½ 1992	108¾	..	11.886	11.654
¼ Treas	10½ 1992	93¾	..	11.062	11.362
¼ Exch	12¾ 1992	103¾	..	11.786	11.681
¼ Treas	12¾ 1992	104¾	..	11.855	11.723
Fund	64½ 1992	66¾	..	9.089	10.364
¼ Treas	13½ 1993	119¾	..	11.156	11.493
Treas	14½ 1993	119¾	..	12.253	11.967
Exch	12¾ 1994	105	..	11 874	11.776
¼ Treas	5½ 1994	86¾	..	10.628	11.019
¼ Treas	13½ 1996	113	..	11.725	11.677
¼ Gas	3½ 1990-96	49¾	..	6.152	6.587
¼ Treas	12¾ 1995	110¼	..	11.588	11.765
¼ Treas	9½ 1992-96	83¾	..	10.719	11.073
¼ Treas	13½ 1996	123¾	..	12.386	12.060
Exch	13¾ 1996	113¾	..	11.993	11.956
Redmpts	3½ 1986-96	48¾	..	6.350	9.818
¼ Treas	13¾ 1997	111½	..	11 973	11 852
Exch	10¾ 1997	93¾	..	11.342	11 448
¼ Treas	8¾ 1997	80	..	10.711	11 120
¼ Treas	9¾ 1998-08	69¾	..	10 168	10.830
¼ Treas	15½ 1998	137¾	..	12.256	12.046
¼ Treas	9½ 1999	87¾	..	10.971	11 167
Fund	3½ 1999-04	48¾	..	8.743	9.971
¼ Treas	8½ 2002-06	77¾	..	10.741	10.954
¼ Treas	13½ 2008-12	58¾	..	10.390	10.847
¼ Treas	14½ 2013-18	72¾	..	10.694	10.779
Consols	4½	29¾	..	11.313	..
War Ln	3½	36¾	..	9.516	..
Cnv	3½	38¾	..	9.473	..
Cnv	2½	27¾	..	11.321	..
Consols	2½	22¾	..	11.123	..
Treas.	2½ After 71	22¾	..	11.324	..

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	114	..	8.3	7.3	8.4
142	56	AB Electronic	98	..	7.6	7.8	8.7
40	25	AC Cars	40	..	1.5	3.7	10.0
99	32	AGB Research	69	..	3.5	3.9	14.7
228½	134	APV Hldgs	195	..	8.1	4.2	7.8
73	43	Aaronson Bros	62	+2	3.0	4.8	4.9
116	62	Acrow	114	..	3.6	3.2	13.0
98	52	Do A	90	..	3.6	4.0	9.1
41	11	Adda Int	36	-½	0.8	2.1	..
282	150	Adwest Group	246	+4	15 2	6.2	6.8
63	34	Aeron't & Gen	60	..	3.5	5 8	10.7
62	42	Airfix Ind	46	..	4.6	9.9	6.1
131	79	Albright & W	94	-1	6.5	6.9	6.1
96	68	Alcan 10½%	£99	..	£100	11 8	..
144	71	Do 9% Cnv	£142	..	900	6.3	..
300	205	Alginate Ind	300	..	10.7	6.8	10.7
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	59	..	6 6	11.1	..
59½	35½	Allen W. G.	44	e ..	4.3	9.7	4.8
100½	44½	Allied Colloids	70	..	2.4	3.4	12.3
67	43	Allied Insulators	64	..	5.3	8.3	7.7
17	7½	Allied Plant	15	-½	1.1	7.1	9.0
201	72½	Allied Retailers	201	+1	13.2	6.6	9.7
46	19	Alpine Hldgs	39½	..	2.5	6.4	23.1
282	210	Amal Metal	275	..	21 5	7.8	5.3
138	57¼	Amal Power	119	-1	8.0	6.7	6.6
41	21	Amber Day	32	..	3 0	9.7	5.0
16	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	18	..	0.8e	4.2	2.7
96	61	Ambrian Int	94	..	4.0	4.2	9.7
53	44	Aspray Grp Pf	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
95	55½	Ass Biscuit	76	+2	4.8	6.3	7.4
169	85	Ass Book	125	..	6.1	5.2	8.5
43	28	Ass Brit Food	41	..	3.3	8.4	8.2
142	82	Ass Engineer	121	..	7.1	5.9	6.3
71	36	Ass Fisheries	53	-1	4.8	8.6	5.1
62	29½	Ass Leisure	52½	+2	4.3	7 9	10.9
151	121	Ass News	151	..	8.1	5.4	8.6
99	32	Ass Paper	99	..	4.4	8.7	5.0
254	153	Ass Port Cement	253	-7	13.1	5.8	7.7
119	69½	Ass Tel 'A'	103	-1	9.8	9.6	7.3
58	32	Ass Tooling	46	..	3.5	13.3	6.0
98	52	Astbury & Midley	90	..	3.6	4.5	9.1
75	57	Atkins Bros	67	+1	5.6	9.6	8.0
43	27	Auditronic	31	..	..	..	7.7
47	17	Auld & Wiberg	30	..	2.9	9.5	6.4
99	58	Aurora Hldgs	88	..	7.9	9.0	4.2
70	30	Austin E.	67	..	5.5	8.2	4.8
113½	51	Automotive Pd	94½	+1	2.8	3.0	7.5
349	149	Avana Grp	32	..	1 6	4.8	8.0
174	113	Averys	157	..	6.1	3.9	7.4
205	74	Avon Rubber	192	-1	14.1	7.3	2.8
307	235	B.A.T. Ind	297	..	21.1	7.2	5.1
260	203	Do Did	240	..	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	53	..	3.4	6.4	7.7
114	71	BET Dfd	99	•-2	8.1	8.1	7.4
136	87	BICC	106	+1	10.0	9.5	12.6
82	61	BOC Int	69	..	4.8	6.8	4.7
278	112	BPB Ind	238	..	11.0	4.6	7.3
60	25	BPM Hldgs 'A'	48	..	2.2	4.5	8.8
144	71	BSG Int	138	-½	3 2	2.3	6.4
151	86	BSR Ltd	93	-2	7.1	7.6	4.2
237	74	BTR Ltd	237	+4	13.8	5.8	8.2
144	137	Babcock & Wil	144	-1	8.0	7.0	5.0
71	33	Bakeredge Brk	33	..	3 5	10.2	10.2
9¾	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	9½	+½	0.3	3.8	64
69	43	Baird W.	151	..	14.1	9.3	3.7
112	65	Baker Perkins	94	..	6.3	6.7	5.6
53	28½	Bambergers	48	..	4.3	9.4	5.4
115	79	Barker & Dixon	115½	+2	..	..	9.5
208	144	Barlow Rand	188	+2	16.5	8.8	7.9
74	39	Barr & Wallace	72	..	5.1	7.1	7.0
37	27	Do A	71	..	5.1	7.2	6.9
128	56½	Barratt Devs	115	..	12.2	10.6	5.4
54	36	Barrow Hepbn	49	..	5.8	11.6	6.6
53	40	Barton & Sons	49	..	5.0	10.1	4.6
185	69	Bassett G.	141	..	7.8	5.5	8.7
98	29	Bath & P'land	81	-1	5.0	6.1	4.5
67	34	Beales J.	56	..	4.0	7.1	4.1
193	66	Beatson Clark	168	..	7.8	4.6	6.7
75	52	Beauford Grp	50	..	4.6	9.2	8.5
73½	48	Beckman A.	60	..	6.7	11.1	7.4
690	372	Beecham Grp	635	-3	28.0	4.4	13.3
83	39½	Bejam Grp	63	-2	2.2	3.4	8.1
85	54	Bemrose Corp	67	..	5.8	8.7	6.6
70	22½	Benn Bros	69	..	3.4	5.7	9.5
227	148½	Berisford S & W	221	+2	12.5	5.7	4.0
62	31	Berkshire	60	..	3.4	5.7	5.3
54	36	Best & May	51	..	4.3	8.4	8.8
156	90	Bestobell	156	..	11.3	7.2	6.7
68	28	Bett Bros	65	..	2.6	4.0	7.1
227	102	Bibby J.	225	+6	10.1	4.5	7.2
74	54	Birmid Qualcst	71	+½	6 2	8.7	8.8
77	50	Birm'ham Mint	65	..	6.6	10.1	7.0
230	148	Bishopa Stores	165	..	3.7	2.2	9.3
203	57	Do A NV	125	..	3.7	3.0	7.0
123	66	Black & Edg'tn	114	-1	6.4	5.6	15.2
42	15	Blackman & C	17	..	..	..	30.4
93	49	Blackwd Hodge	79	-2	4.4	5.6	7.1
38	15	Blackwood Mt	26	..	..	..	14.9
245	125	Blagden & N	225	..	16.2	7.2	6.5
71	36	Blundell Perm	61	..	4.4	7.2	5.9
33	7½	Boardman K. G.	12	..	1.5	12.3	3.2
73	33	Bodycote	66	..	3.4	5.2	8.4
36	17	Bonser Eng	22	..	2.0	9.2	12.2
240	128	Booker McCon	210	-2	10.7	5.1	9.8
212	94	Boyd & Boyden	200	..	..	..	3.6
92	47	Boots	84	..	6.3	7.5	6.3
157	87	Borthwick T.	71	+1	9.4	13.2	5.8
71	36	Bostion W.	39½	..	2 1	10.6	6.3
218	160	Bowater Corp	168	-4	14.7	8.8	7.9
86	34	Bowthrpe Hldgs	56½	..	2.3	4.1	6.9
89	62	Braby Leslie	86	+4	8.0	9.2	4.9
76	60	Brady Ind	70	..	8.6	12.3	13.3
75	57	Do A	68	..	8.6	12.6	12.9
40	23½	Braham Millar	36	..	2.3	6.3	4.9
45	17	Braid Grp	42	..	2.1	5.0	8.3
179	67½	Braithwaite	145	..	6.1	4.2	4.4
125	44½	Brammer H.	125	+10	6.4	5.1	11.5
53	38	Brammer	49	..	5.8	11.8	9.9
206	90	Brent Chem Int	190	+5	3.7	1.9	15.7
52	25	Brent Walker	52	..	1.7e	3.3	23.6
38	22	Brickhouse Dud	33	..	3.3	10.1	6.5
172	105	Bridon	118	+1	9.6	8.1	6.3
129	91	Bright J. Grp	36	..	3.7	10.2	6.5
44½	29	Brit Car Auctn	44	+2	3.0	6.8	10.8
31	11	Brit Enkalon	13	..	..	..	..
241	137	Brit Home Sts	193	-2	8 9	4.6	16.3
28	20	Brit Lyceum	26	..	..	..	2.0
120½	60	Brit Northrop	97	..	..	..	3.5
47	31	Brit Printing	43	..	4.8	11.2	6.8
91	47	Brit Sidac Spec	81	+1	7.2	8.9	9.4
490	278	Brit Sugar	425	..	28.6	6 3	2.7
70½	30½	Brit Syphon Ind	59	..	4 0	7.7	8.0
91	52	Brit Tar Prod	56	..	3.1	4.1	8.5
94	44	Brit Vita	82	-1	3.1	3.7	9.9
113	78	Britannia	94	..	5.5	5.8	20.3
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	59	+½	5.5	9.3	5.6
86	41	Brocks Grp	71	..	5.1	7.2	12.8
775	385	Broken Hill	425	+5	19.3	4.5	42.5
40	30	Bronz Eng	35	..	2 4	6.8	5.4
71	38	Brook St Bur	60	..	6.4	10.6	15.5
56	38	Brooke Bond	47½	..	4.2	8.8	3.9
77	38	Brooke Tool	62	..	3 5	6.1	4.4
49	29	Brotherhood P.	37	..	4.3	9.4	5.4
74	54	Brown & Tawse	65	..	6 6	7.1	6.1
19	10	BRX	16	..	2.7	5.9	11.0
32	12	Brown Bros Cp	22	..	1 6	7.3	12.6
266	96	Brown J.	266	..	13.2e	4.5	4.9
106	41	Brunimm'	106	..	10.6	10.0	7.5
119	47	Bryant Hldgs	48	+1	3.4	7.1	10.1
128	66	Bullough Ltd	128	..	8.5e	6.6	4.5
38	18	Bulmer H. Lumb	34	..	2.6	7.6	6.8
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	108	..	7.4	7.0	4.2
65	35	Burco Dean	65	+2	5.6	8.7	6.5
38	22	Burgess Prod	36	..	3.5	9.8	5.6
184	64	Burnett H'shire	168	..	4.1	2.5	8.0
184	63	Do A NV	168	..	4.1	2.5	7.9
39	16	Burns And'son	37½	..	2.2	5.8	5.5
78	9	Burrell & Co	12½	..	1.4	10.6	6.9
186	130	Burt Boulton	186	..	15.2	8.1	5.3
87	51	Burton Grp	176	..	2.3	1.8	..
139	30	Do A	120	+1	2.3	1.9	..
79	43	Bury & Masco	79	..	6.4	8.1	11.7
67	37	Butterfld-Harry	67	+1	3.4n	5.0	9.1

C — E

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
33	13½	CH Industrials	28	+1	2.1	7.6	4.8
59½	35½	Cadbury Sch	53½	+½	4.1	7.7	10.5
110	70	Caffyns	102	+2	8.7	8.5	8.3
68	48	Cl'brad Robey	52	..	2.3	4.4	14.5
133	80	Camgard	118	-2	2.8	2.3	6.1
121	64	Do B	108	-3	..	..	..
82	45½	Cannes Hldgs	68	..	6.0	8.8	5.7
136	46	Canning W.	67	+1	5.3	8.0	11.1
126	97	Cape Ind	112	-2	11.5	10.3	3.7
79	37	Capian Profile	76	..	7.3	9.6	4.9
90	53½	Capper Neill	62	-1	3.2	5.1	7.2
143	39	Carrarans Int	94	..	7.0	8.0	3.2
68	33	Carvic Eng	64	..	4.5	7.1	5.9
53	33	Carlton Carpet	37	..	1.3	3.5	9.5
58	38	Carlton Ind	169	..	8.3	4.9	7.8
76	42	Carpets Int	44	-1	6.1	14.1	4.7
48	10½	Carr J (Dun)	43	..	1.4	3.2	6.6
41	22½	Carr'ion Vly	29	-½	3.0	7.7	10.6
210	63¾	Carroll P.	105	..	9.2	8.7	8.0
45	26	Castle & Hdge	41	..	3.0	7.2	4.8
254	153	Ass Port Cement	253	-7	13.1	5.8	7.7
219	69½	Ass Tel 'A'	103	-1	9.8	9.6	7.3
28	22	Ass Tooling	26	..	1.5e	13.5	6.0
98	52	Astbury & Midley	90	..	3.6	4.5	9.1
142	82	Atkins Bros	67	+1	5.6	9.6	8.0
71	36	Auditronic	31	..	..	..	7.7
47	17	Auld & Wiberg	30	..	2.9	9.5	6.4
99	58	Aurora Hldgs	88	..	7.9	9.0	4.2
70	30	Austin E.	67	..	5.5	8.2	4.8
113½	51	Automotive Pd	94½	+1	2.8	3.0	7.5
349	149	Avana Grp	32	..	1 6	4.8	8.0
174	113	Averys	157	..	6.1	4.2	4.4
205	74	Avon Rubber	192	-1	14.1	7.3	2.8
307	235	B.A.T. Ind	297	..	21.1	7.2	5.1
260	203	Do Did	240	..	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	53	..	3.4	6.4	7.7
114	71	BET Dfd	99	•-2	8.1	8.1	7.4
136	87	BICC	106	+1	10.0	9.5	12.6
82	61	BOC Int	69	..	4.8	6.8	4.7
278	112	BPB Ind	238	..	11.0	4.6	7.3
60	25	BPM Hldgs 'A'	48	..	2.2	4.5	8.8
144	71	BSG Int	138	-½	3 2	2.3	6.4
151	86	BSR Ltd	93	-2	7.1	7.6	4.2
237	74	BTR Ltd	237	+4	13.8	5.8	8.2
144	137	Babcock & Wil	144	-1	8.0	7.0	5.0
71	33	Bakeredge Brk	33	..	3 5	10.2	10.2
9¾	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	9½	+½	0.3	3.8	64
69	43	Baird W.	151	..	14.1	9.3	3.7
112	65	Baker Perkins	94	..	6.3	6.7	5.6
53	28½	Bambergers	48	..	4.3	9.4	5.4
115	79	Barker & Dixon	115½	+2	..	..	9.5
208	144	Barlow Rand	188	+2	16.5	8.8	7.9
74	39	Barr & Wallace	72	..	5.1	7.1	7.0
37	27	Do A	71	..	5.1	7.2	6.9
128	56½	Barratt Devs	115	..	12.2	10.6	5.4
54	36	Barrow Hepbn	49	..	5.8	11.6	6.6
53	40	Barton & Sons	49	..	5.0	10.1	4.6
185	69	Bassett G.	141	..	7.8	5.5	8.7
98	29	Bath & P'land	81	-1	5.0	6.1	4.5
67	34	Beales J.	56	..	4.0	7.1	4.1
193	66	Beatson Clark	168	..	7.8	4.6	6.7
75	52	Beauford Grp	50	..	4.6	9.2	8.5
73½	48	Beckman A.	60	..	6.7	11.1	7.4
690	372	Beecham Grp	635	-3	28.0	4.4	13.3
83	39½	Bejam Grp	63	-2	2.2	3.4	8.1
85	54	Bemrose Corp	67	..	5.8	8.7	6.6
70	22½	Benn Bros	69	..	3.4	5.7	9.5
227	148½	Berisford S & W	221	+2	12.5	5.7	4.0
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156	90	Bestobell	156	..	11.3	7.2	6.7
68	28	Bett Bros	65	..	2.6	4.0	7.1
227	102	Bibby J.	225	+6	10.1	4.5	7.2
74	54	Birmid Qualcst	71	+½	6 2	8.7	8.8
77	50	Birm'ham Mint	65	..	6.6	10.1	7.0
230	148	Bishopa Stores	165	..	3.7	2.2	9.3
203	57	Do A NV	125	..	3.7	3.0	7.0
123	66	Black & Edg'tn	114	-1	6.4	5.6	15.2
42	15	Blackman & C	17	..	..	..	30.4
93	49	Blackwd Hodge	79	-2	4.4	5.6	7.1
38	15	Blackwood Mt	26	..	..	..	14.9
245	125	Blagden & N	225	..	16.2	7.2	6.5
71	36	Blundell Perm	61	..	4.4	7.2	5.9
33	7½	Boardman K. G.	12	..	1.5	12.3	3.2
73	33	Bodycote	66	..	3.4	5.2	8.4
36	17	Bonser Eng	22	..	2.0	9.2	12.2
240	128	Booker McCon	210	-2	10.7	5.1	9.8
212	94	Boyd & Boyden	200	..	..	..	3.6
92	47	Boots	84	..	6.3	7.5	6.3
157	87	Borthwick T.	71	+1	9.4	13.2	5.8
71	36	Bostion W.	39½	..	2 1	10.6	6.3
218	160	Bowater Corp	168	-4	14.7	8.8	7.9
86	34	Bowthrpe Hldgs	56½	..	2.3	4.1	6.9
89	62	Braby Leslie	86	+4	8.0	9.2	4.9
76	60	Brady Ind	70	..	8.6	12.3	13.3
75	57	Do A	68	..	8.6	12.6	12.9
40	23½	Braham Millar	36	..	2.3	6.3	4.9
45	17	Braid Grp	42	..	2.1	5.0	8.3
179	67½	Braithwaite	145	..	6.1	4.2	4.4
125	44½	Brammer H.	125	+10	6.4	5.1	11.5
53	38	Brammer	49	..	5.8	11.8	9.9
206	90	Brent Chem Int	190	+5	3.7	1.9	15.7
52	25	Brent Walker	52	..	1.7e	3.3	23.6
38	22	Brickhouse Dud	33	..	3.3	10.1	6.5
172	105	Bridon	118	+1	9.6	8.1	6.3
129	91	Bright J. Grp	36	..	3.7	10.2	6.5
78	57	Christies Int	73	+1	4.8	6.2	7.6
158	99	Chubb & Sons	121	+1	5.5	4.5	8.5
104	57	Church & Co	187	-3	4.7	2.5	9.2
78	45	Coalite & Chem	67	..	4 2	6.3	5.6
70	50	Coates Bros	60	..	3.3	4.8	6.8
77	45	Do A	67	..	3.2	4.8	7.7
83	57	Coats Patons	69	-1	4.7	6.7	5.2
130	45	Cole R H.	129	..	5.3	4.4	9.0
58	38	Collett D'son	58	-2	4.7	8.1	5.8
114	72	Collins W.	132	..	7.0	5.3	6.3
151	86	Do A	132	..	7.0	5.3	6.3
51	31	Comben Grp	31	+1	2.4b	7.9	7.6
101	50	Comb Eng Sts	83	..	4.6	5.6	9.0
113½	70	Comet Radio'n	108	+2	3 9	3.6	9.5
134	64	CompAir	101	+2	5.8	5.4	5.0
37	20	Compton Webb	37	..	2.6	9.5	4.5
28	18	Conk W.	27	..	2.5	9.8	6.0
46	28	Cope Allman	38	..	4.5	8.6	5.6
100	74	Corson F.	78	..	1.1	7.1	8.1
39	16½	Coran	34½	..	1.7e	4.9	7.5
164	54½	Coral Leisure	115	-1	9.1e	7.9	6.4
83	34	Cosalt	68	-1	4.1	6.8	6.2
332	134	Costain R.	266	+2	15.2b	5.7	9.3
41	8	Countryside	35	-1	1.8	5.1	12.2
107	73	Courts (Furn)	92	..	5.0	5.5	6.3
107	73	Do A NV	92	..	5.0	5.5	6.3
135	90	Courtaulds	122	..	10.7	8.7	8.1
77	30	Courtney Pope	63	..	3 3	5.3

Weekend SHOPAROUND Sheila Black

■ Brooks is a name well known to all smokers—smokers of trout, salmon and other goodies, plain or exotic. I first introduced his hot-smoking boxes some years ago and readers are still telling each other about them, shops stock them and a big export market has built up. Then came Salmon King, the cold smoker which preserves without cooking so as to produce the more familiar smoked foods like *smoked salmon—the* hot smokers cook and anyone who has not tried hot smoked trout or other fish with lemon and butter ought to do so. It has a flavour all its own.

And now, after two years of trial and error, Brooks gives us the barbecue. Just as he beat many of the smoker firms, all from overseas at that time, by producing a British product at *a lower price, so he has aimed* to do something similar with Delphi and Sparta, his barbecues. Aiming at the medium price ranges, he went for finish and design, avoiding what he saw as mistakes in many other brands. He gave wooden handles to the grills to save burnt hands. He developed a pre-treatment and a number of finishes to avoid rusting or blistering; and he got the whole thing designed to pack compactly into good display cartons. He also got a good book prepared by Maggie Black (no relation and quite a Mrs Beeton in her way). Both barbecues are very similar, the Sparta being larger (approximately 24 by 13 inches) at around £20 and the Delphi £16. The distributor is Brooks Home Smokers, 88 Windsor Road, Southport, Merseyside PR9 9BY (0704 36892).

I got an experienced barbecue couple to give Sparta a try. Already familiar with Brooks' hot and cold smokers, they had only praise for the strength, finish and apparent durability—their main complaint at this stage being that I had asked them to cook out-of-doors in December and January. They approved the three-sided windshield and the two grilling racks with wooden handles which are supported above the hot charcoal by slotting them into the windshield so that both stand firmly. Each grilling rack holds four large steaks or one could ring the changes by using the racks, skewer and spit attachments—perun any two out of three, they said.

The advantage of feeding either a large family or party, or of being able to use half the barbecue with one grill for smaller families, is much approved by this pair. The unit's compactness, folding into a carton measuring 2ft by 1ft by 6in thick, was also appreciated, but they both felt a stouter, costlier cardboard box with a lid might be a good idea—or do barbecue owners leave them out all year? They would have liked basic data on how to fuel and light the thing (they know but reckon most people do not) in a book that gives so much advice on preparing to barbecue, cardboard plates, first aid, and even trestle tables but no mention at all of the obvious charcoal and methylated spirits to get it all going (it is not easily lit without meths).

When the book is reprinted, these criticisms will be met, but the carton, aimed merely to cover distribution travel and transport, will probably remain because, it seems, people prefer low prices to over-protective packaging for something that does not have to be boxed for storage. The only other criticism was that the stove-enamelled finish on the windshield smelled *at first when burned. Since the* stove-enamelling process involves a final drying under heat—most models are simply air-dried—this should not happen and, if it does, should not last long. However, it is wise to get it over with so as not to spoil appetites if it does smell. The testers found hand-turning the spit wearisome and recommend spending an extra £3 for the very cheap, effective battery-powered motor which runs on *cheap 1.5 volt batteries.*

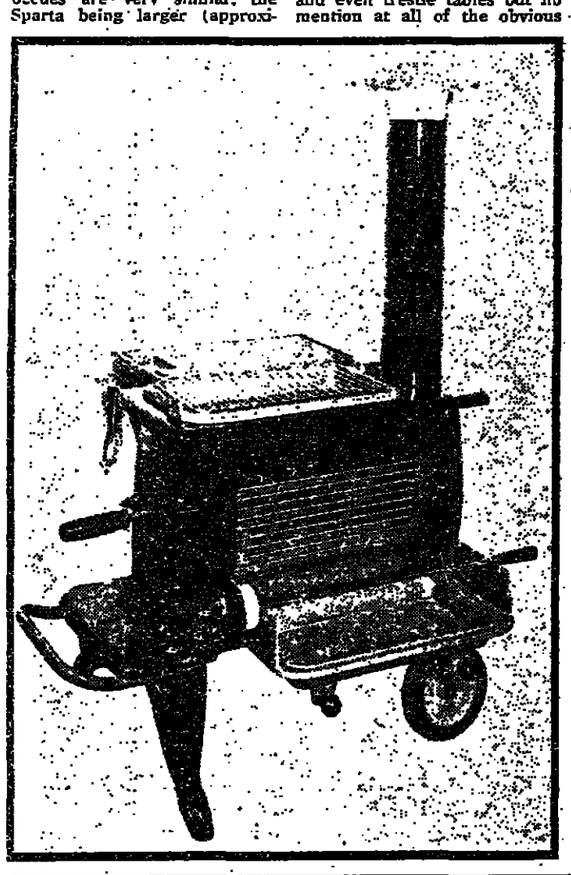
The Tilley Lamp Company, specialists in camping and outdoor cooking equipment, has also brought out a barbecue grill with a fine mesh grill. Measuring just 16¾ by 9¾ by 3 inches, it makes a good small-size portable barbecue but has no windshield, no refinements and is just a good, serviceable portable charcoal grill for camp, garden or even home when other fuels either do not exist or are hit by industrial disputes—it costs around £9.70 with VAT. For stockists and for a catalogue of Tilley models write to The Tilley Lamp Company, Dunmurry, Belfast BT17 9JA. They have now introduced a versatile camping table.

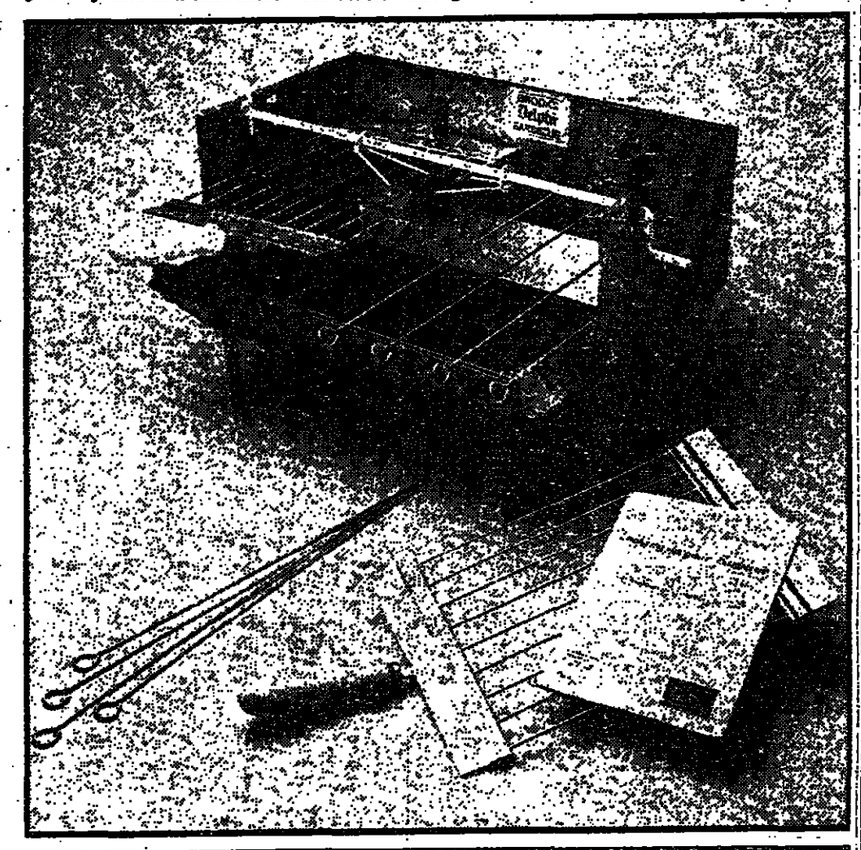
Odell, famous for outdoor and lounging garden furniture, is doing barbecue and related products, but I must admit that I have not had a chance to get them tested. I would rarely recommend unshielded barbecues out they have hooded and shielded models in sheet metal at medium prices. However, these are pretty basic and the more versatile models or the models with greater convenience cost from about £38. The Smoke'n Pit is a fascinating device, being a charcoal/water smoker from America which cooks marinated or steeped food in its own juices to give a smoked flavour. It is neat, simple, foolproof and involves no work, no turning over, no protection from charring or burning and comes in brown, orange, yellow or matt black. The grill diameter is 15½ inches and it costs £49.90, including VAT. See its picture and description in the catalogue from Odell, 43/45 Broad Street, Teddington, Middlesex.

You can buy an outdoor cooker which grills, spit-roasts and becomes a fireplace and room heater for £195. It runs on wood or charcoal, has a motor-driven spit, a top lid to keep food hot and a design that allows fat and dripping to run down into a cast-iron pan rather than into the fire. It can be hooked up to a chimney to burn rubbish, with the ashes easily removable through the wide front door. For cold winters, it can even be a greenhouse heater or a heater for spare rooms and cottages, playrooms and outdoor workrooms. The Leda is a black enamel, cast-iron unit with two red wheels, red chimney and handles. I am not absolutely sure for whom I advise it but let's start with week-end hideaways, campers, country dwellers who like to economise on other fuels but have plenty of wood; ethnic types and just rich people who want fun toys and barbecues. You can get stockists' names from Ellis Sykes and Son, Victoria Works, Howard Street, Stockport, Cheshire. To me it looks a little like an early steam engine and, as such, endearing.

You can build your own barbecue and let me remind you of the kit, complete with reconstructed stone slabs, marketed at prices from £80 or so to £140 by E. H. Bradley Building Products, Okus, Swindon, Wilts. As part of the landscape in a large garden a built-in barbecue looks good as well as being convenient.

Repeating that my testing couple recommend the Brooks barbecues as good value and lacking most of the faults they have found in other barbecues, I must add that you can get names of other makes and makers from Skewer, an association of barbecue makers, with a membership of some four or five as yet. Skewer is at 47/48 New Bond Street, London W1Y





■ Personal valets are not much in evidence these days, but few men look after their expensive suits and even fewer like having to do so. University Tailors valeted my husband for something like 20 years and we never had a single cause for complaint that I can remember. Items came back after being found in the pockets, buttons were firmed up and stitches made in time to say nothing of the excellent care, cleaning and efforts to keep the seat deshined—my husband was not exactly kind to clothes and University Tailors were a positive blessing. They also proved tobe cheaper than ad hoc cleaning and mending places, as well as being highly professional—naturally enough because the suits are cared for by trained tailors.



They charge an annual subscription but include a good deal of service which would normally cost extra even if you *could find someone willing to* do it. They collect and deliver in London, most parts of Greater London and some parts of the Home Counties—anyone living within 50 miles of Charing Cross should write to see if they can call. However, many of their clients are businessmen who live and work elsewhere in Britain but come to London at least once a month for meetings or business engagements of some kind and who are prepared to bring the suit with them in the box with the carrying handle. Some subscribers have found the service so reliable that, provided they know they will be in the office on the appointed day, they travel in one suit and change in the office when the valet's van arrives.

A mail order service can be arranged, involving specially-developed packing, so anyone can subscribe. Prices are subject to individual quotation. No single subscription can be shared by a group of people but there are special group rates, also subject to quotation.

For the standard service, there are three different rates, each payable in advance for the year and each including full maintenance and the checking and repair, at no extra cost, of more than 50 weak points like straps, buttons, pockets, seams, rubbing at wrists or neck, buckles, linings and the rest. Nor am I being either fair or accurate to keep on writing about suits since the service can include coats, dresses, evening dresses, ladies suits and coats and so on. If minor repairs outside the general service are involved, these are automatically done if under £5 and estimates given above that.

For twelve suits, collected and delivered monthly, the annual cost is £54.37 including VAT plus the initial purchase at £3.35 of a zip-fronted suit cover. For 26 suits (or equivalents) the annual charge is £110.91; for 52 it is £207.02. For the last two services you need to buy two suit-covers initially, but these are bought only at the outset and not every year if the subscriber continues.



Unless major repairs are involved the suit is away for a week, no more. They do amazing grafts of material from unseen places to make near-invisible mends on the obvious parts. They do not dry-clean unless absolutely necessary, a decision they take and for which there is obviously no extra charge. For the most part, the suit is degreased, de-stained, spotted, cleaned and hand-pressed by professional tailors who know how suits are made, where the vulnerable points are, and how the original shaping and shrinking was done so that the suit is constantly being created anew.

Even if suits are dry-cleaned, they get a subsequent conditioning so that the rigid hardness is softened out and the *material is supple. A jacket,* a skirt, jodhpurs, teenage clothes and such are charged as half a suit while dinner jacket and trousers is 1½ suits and morning dress or tails 1½. Think how much your suit costs, think of cleaning charges, and you will recognize an investment though the cost looks high. You get good value.



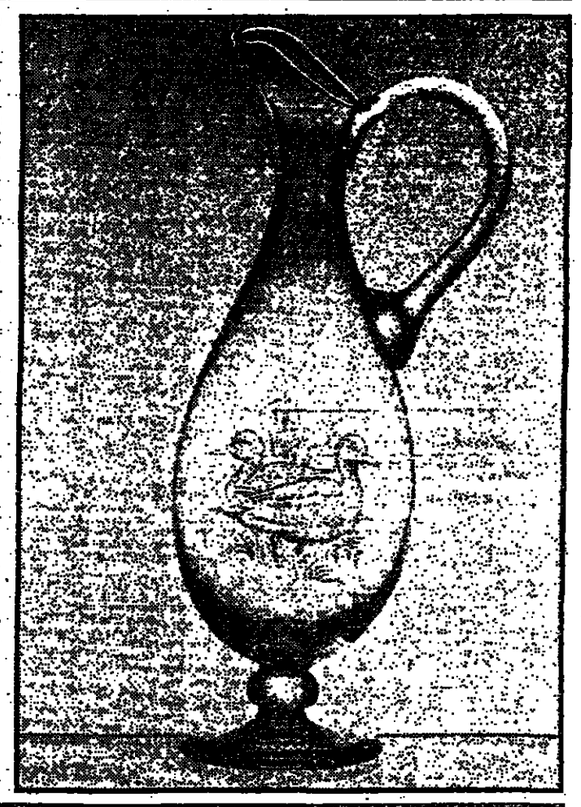
Thinking about the cost of a suit brings me to a brand-new service, for University Tailors now make bespoke suits. The tailor calls in the London area, at offices, homes or hotels just as the Valetcare vans do, to show swatches and then make fittings. The advantages are two-fold—first the convenience of having the tailor come to you, and then the value, for the price avoids the built-in extra of high rents in London's West End. A suit is therefore anything from £145 to £160 according to the material and whether or not it is two-piece or three-piece. I recall that, for my husband, a *three-piece was a jacket and two* pairs of trousers which is advisable for heavy, sedentary men. I have not actually seen a bespoke suit but, if their valeting standards are any guide, they ought to be trustworthy.

The same firm handles your environment or at least a part of it. University Curtains collects, cleans, hand-presses where advisable, and returns uncreased curtains still in perfect shape. They will call to take down and rehang in some areas. Charges are from 60p per square metre for lined fabrics except velvet; 72p for lined fabrics and unlined velvet; 90p for interlined fabrics and lined velvet; and £1.02 for interlined velvet. This is purely a cash service, not subject to subscriptions and the prices are exclusive of VAT. Get details of Valetcare, suit-making and curtain-care from University Tailors, Heldon Valet Centre, Lawn Lane, London, SW8 1UD (01-735 6799).

■ From custom-made suits to custom-made glass, it is worth mentioning that The Glasshouse, where you can order individual pieces or buy from a stock of original patterns, has moved from Neal Street to 65 Long Acre, London WC2. They will make bowls, goblets, dishes, vases, perfume bottles, paperweights and what you fancy.

And so to Leslie Creasey, who has brought together a good deal of engraved glassware to sell at prices which start as low as £4.49 (including postage and packing) for a wine goblet up to £10.95 for a carafe—tankards are £6.95. The generous brochure offers eight different pieces with a choice of patterns ranging over dogs, birds, cats, horses, wilder animals, farm animals, fish, insects, flowers, emblems such as the rose or the leek, sports, and the inevitable and always popular signs of the Zodiac. There are also initials, in various types including italics or with a decorative, leafy trim.

I think this is a really remarkable service, offering excellent value. The brochure shows the shapes and gives the sizes very clearly while the patterns are separately depicted. Order singly and build up a collection, give as christening presents and enjoy good value. You can have special items for special presentations or occasions to quotation. The address is Leslie Creasey, 121, London Road, Knebworth, Herts.



■ The new Mothercare catalogue is ready and, as usual, packed with value—remember they now cater for children up to 10 years old as well as for babies and mamma-in-waiting. A yogurt-making kit is new, with insulated container at £3.75. A friend who is not a fanatic about nature cures and such but who does stay healthy and keep her children that way, assures me that plenty of yogurt helps to lessen childish over-reaction to some treatments, including penicillin. I have no idea whether there is any medical support for the theory, but can admit there is plenty of medical praise for yogurt. Home-made ones can be delicious mixed with fruits, dried fruits, vegetables and savoury things.

I am full of admiration for the pavement bicycle, fitted with stabilizers (two little extra wheels on strong rods on the back wheel) with adjustable seat and handlebars, puncture-free tyres, decent wheels and its own little toolbag and spanner. An excellent transition from trike to bigger bike, it costs £24.90 and has a maximum saddle height of just under two feet.

Train them for skateboards with Mothercare roller skates at £3.70. They have the Continental square toes for greater stability and are channelled, which adds to the metal's strength. Lace-up tops give the feet support and rubber wheels with nylon bearings run smoothly. *In sizes from 8 to 4,* these should make most children happy in more places than skateboarders can find for their sport. Catalogues from all 170 United Kingdom branches or from Mothercare-by-Post, Cherry Tree Road, Watford, Hertfordshire WD2 5SH. They also sell goods by post.



■ The Loft Conversion and Home Extension Bureau found itself lumbered with an extended name and so restyled itself recently. The new name, National Home Enlargement Bureau, probably came after hours of thought and discussion and although apt, it sounds to me rather like a photographic enlarging counter. However, what else can they call it?

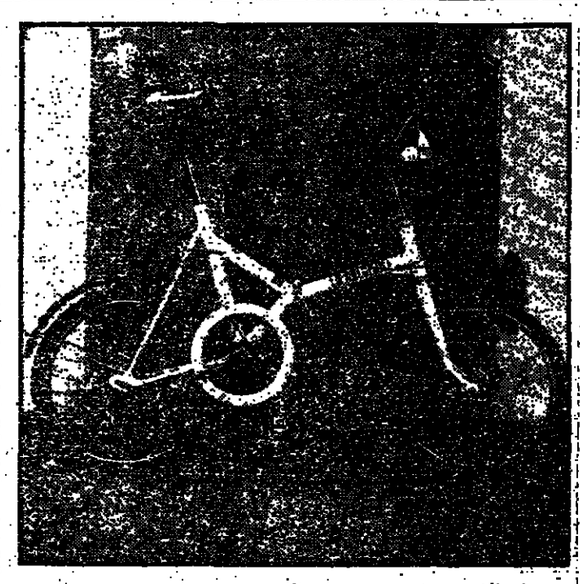
Members have to conform to strictly-governed standards, as much to keep out the rogue invaders who often damage houses and householders pockets as to protect houseowners. Home Enlargement, to abbreviate the name a little, will advise on design, building, choice of products or brands and the essential finance.

For a copy of their book, More Room for Living, and for a list of members in your area, write to NHEB at 594 Kingston Road, London SW20, giving the name of your local authority. Send 12p in stamps, please. Any feasible home enlargement, like almost any home improvement, is a lot cheaper than moving unless there are other reasons for the latter course. The booklet gives a few well illustrated ideas of some of the possibilities.

■ While advertisements urge us all to be healthy and lusty, the British Heart Foundation is again joining with its own keep-fit drive by offering incentives to slim. Fatties try to persuade friends, relatives and possibly enemies to sponsor them at so much per lb of weight lost. Cadbury's Marvel, the skim *milk powder,* has given away £5,000 in prizes and others are coming in. The '78 Slim runs for two months with separate classes for individuals and for groups—a method many people love because friendly rivalry stimulates the will to lose weight by shaming backsliders in front of the others. Individuals will compete for the "Slimheart of Great Britain" title for the person who raises most money from sponsors. Winning groups will be entered for the "Lighthearts of Great Britain" title, where the total number of lbs lost is divided by the number of group members (maximum ten people).

The campaign is being launched on Tuesday, February 14, St Valentine's Day. Well, the slim are likely to attract more love, are they not? May 15 is the closing day for all application forms, completed sponsor forms and so forth. All details, posters, sponsor forms and entry forms from British Heart Foundation headquarters, 57 Gloucester Place, London, W1 or from 17 regional offices (see telephone books). Cycling is a good idea. You cannot cheat the way you can with cars or public transport—oh, those resolutions to get off one or two stops too soon or park the car some distance off and walk the rest of the way. How soon they fall by the wayside.

The Micro-Bike is one of the fold-up variety, which won Design Council approval. It is a



gay little thing in white and matt black, selling complete with a red nylon bag to attach to the front for shopping or *work. The bag doubles as a* fabric garage when the bike is folded up, because it actually does fit into the bag. It also weighs only 25lb, so it should fit acceptably somewhere in most office buildings. It can be fitted with rear carrier platforms for brief cases. The Micro-Bike costs £95 including VAT, which makes me rather glad I have always been terrified of *cycling. Fortunately* there are few like me and they are probably all fitter.

The machine is entered for one of this year's top design awards, and it will be prominently advertised and mail-ordered from May. In the meantime, it is in a number of shops like Rentabike, Student *Centre, Kensington Church* Street, London W8 (they sell as well as rent); Condor of 144 Grays Inn Road, London; Chamberlains of Kentish Town; and others. It is being distributed by Blazing Pedals, 305 Westbourne Park Road, London W11 (01-221 6322) who also retail Micro-Bike. Blazing Pedals can arrange mail or carriage to anywhere in Britain pending the *build-up of other stockists.* Made in Birmingham by a company which used to make Formula One racing cars, this is a fine bike that folds and unfolds smoothly.

■ At No 5, New Bond Street, just south of the Watches of Switzerland corner shop and almost opposite Asprey, is a discreet place that looks rather like the anteroom to an audience chamber for a modern Marie Antoinette. It is superbly, yet not ostentatiously decorated with the finest *naterials, and is warm, tranquil* and relaxing. On closer inspection, it turns out to be a shop selling only the famous Rolex watches, a fact which is obvious if one enters through the normal, imposing front entrance from Bond Street since the watches are in the windows. Perhaps, by the time you call, they will also be in the showcases on the lovely glass tables that serve as counters but the fitting was incomplete when I called and the watches were under lock and key elsewhere.

The shop was an idea in the mind of Sidney Rogers, managing director and chairman of Watches of Switzerland when he rang up Andre Heiniger, the Rolex chief, in Switzerland last month and announced that, with the day of the specialist *here and with the success of* the Piaget shop, he wanted to open a Rolex shop. Heiniger jumped to it, sent over Madame Schmid, a decorator who has worked a lot for Rolex and acquired international fame. The result is the brown, gold, brass and beige shop-cum-showroom in Bond Street where the marble floor was specially quarried for the shop after Madame visited Italian quarries to choose its warm red and *dark blue graininess. The white* chandeliers on the walls and overhead, shade down through pale blue to deep blue tips to brighten the brown velvets on the chairs and discreet beige silk on the walls. The floor had to be reinforced to carry the thirteen tons of marble which, despite its polished gleam, is absolutely non-slip.

The leaflets and other necessities of everyday, mundane trade are locked in decorative, panelled cupboards and there is even a comfortable little rest room with settee for prolonged transactions or for brief waits for attention. Yes, people do *wait and the major problem* with Rolex, makers of the famous Oyster, Day-Date and Datejust watches, has been that demand outstripped supply even at top prices.

Recognized as world leaders who have never compromised over prices and whose watches are uncompromisingly 'functional although often beautiful, Rolex is made in steady but limited quantities. Rogers' object has been to build up a stock, at vast expense, and to make London almost a Rolex centre where customers receive special treatment from trained staff. "I counted the first thirty people diving into the Nice Lido last year", he told me. "Thirteen of them were wearing Rolex watches."

Prices are from around £250 for steel models up to many thousands. Rogers' own Rolex, bought for £485 16 years ago, would now cost £2,000 plus if he had to buy it today. The watch is identical but is weighted with gold as well as automatic mechanical perfection. In fact, Rolex is the only watch with a second-hand market and with a queue waiting for good-condition models. There are no quartz versions of the famous automatics and there is also the bejewelled Cellini collection, superbly understated or slightly dazzling but as individual as the Rolex of which Heiniger says with pride: "Many have tried to copy Rolex but nobody has succeeded in selling the copies because they cannot maintain the quality." Rolex addicts, to New Bond Street with you.

It seems there are collectors of pot lids. I was vaguely aware of the fact but cannot pretend that it impinged on my consciousness much until I was sent a book called *Pot Lid Post,* a hardy annual for collectors, complete with some interesting guidance notes and a feature about salerooms. Price movements over the years are charted and reported at some length with one or two interesting conclusions about specializing in pot lids. Some of the prices amazed me but, it seems, it is never too *late to start and new collectors* have by no means missed the boat, according to Richard Cashmore, who publishes the *Post* and runs Beckford Antiques which, logically and naturally enough, sells pot lids.

Before you rush enthusiastically to your hoard of spare lids, I must point out that these are specially decorated lids from famous potteries, not the teapot or casserole top you hope will fit next time you break the lid rather than the body. I can boast nothing like The Strawberry Girl or Crystal Palace and Edward VII with his Queen Alexandra, but if anybody fancies plain brown, slightly chipped, I'm your supplier. Meanwhile, the authority, or a guide to other authorities, is available from Beckford Antiques, PO Box 26, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B72 1TP (021-308 1498).

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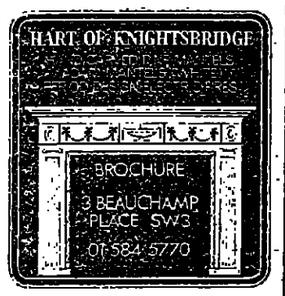
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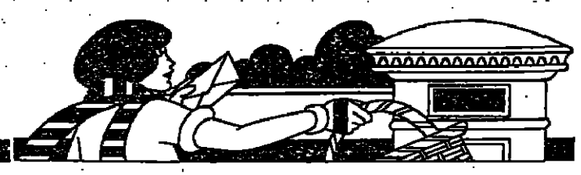
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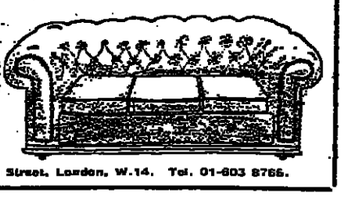
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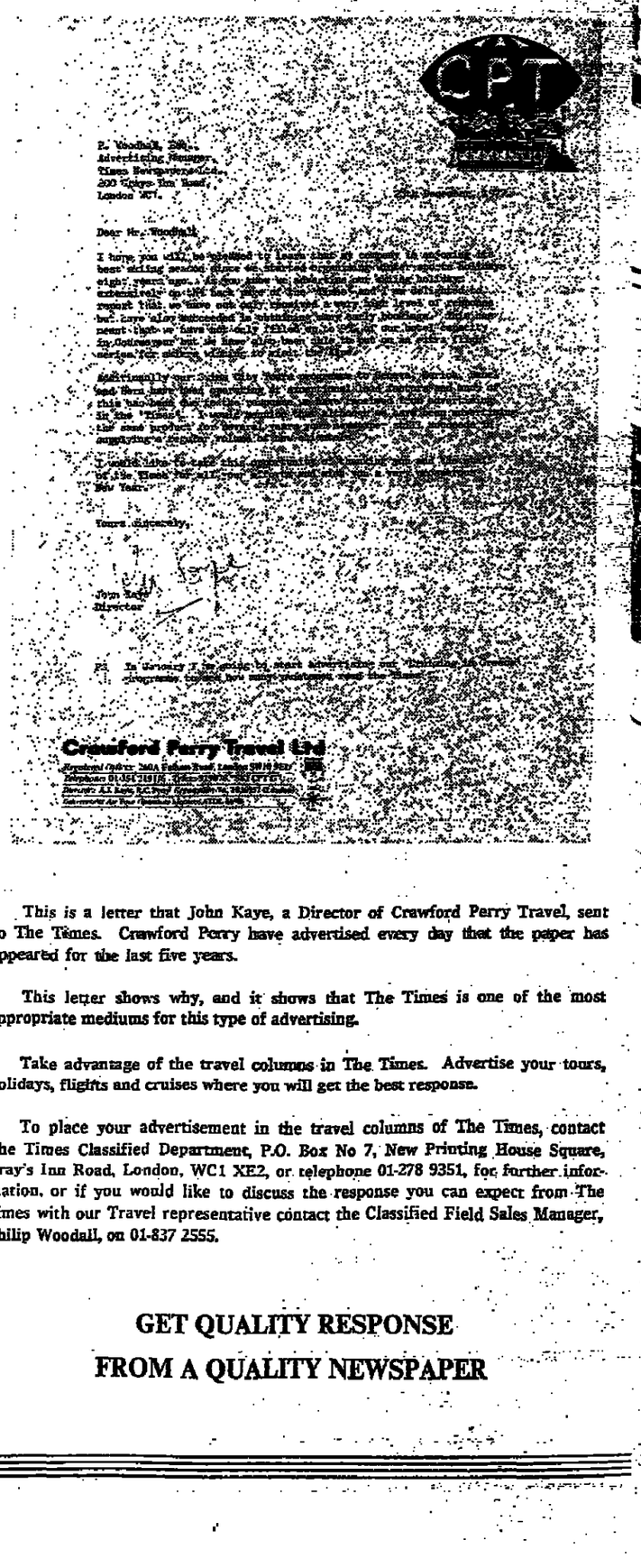
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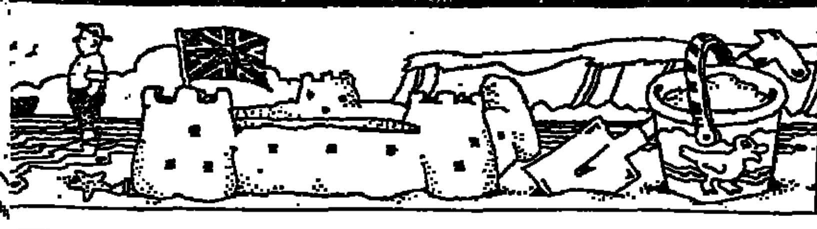
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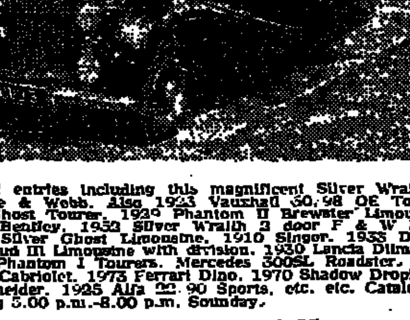
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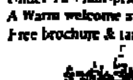
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CAIRNS.—On Feb. 8th, 1978, at Bath, to Andi and William—a son (Benjamin John).

FISZMAN.—On Saturday, February 4th, to Susan (nee Alexander) and Daniel—a daughter, Katie Louise, a sister for Emma, Marc and Paul.

HUGHES.—On Feb. 8th in Seville to Joanna and Michael—a sister for Virginia, Michael Patrick, Nicholas and James.

WARNER.—On February 9th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Ellen and Nimor—a daughter (Alix Mallet-Prevost).

BIRTHDAYS

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ROSE IS 21 TODAY. Happy birthday Rose, from Mart.

RUBY WEDDING

ELEY : BELL.—On 12th February, 1938, at the Church of St. Barnabas, Woodford Green, Essex, Stanley Eley to Phyllis Bell.

GOLDEN WEDDING

READ : RYE.—On February 11th, 1928, at Christ Church, Virginia Water, Miles Read to Barbara Rye. Present address: Flat 5, 12 Lansdowne Crescent, Worcester.

DEATHS

ADELMANN, HEINRICH, peacefully on February 5th, aged 77 years, husband of Margareta and father of Frederick, Anthony and Caroline. Cremation has taken place.

BAINES.—On February 9th, Elsie Beatrice, widow of the late Dr Mark B. Baines, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at St Laurence Church, Winslow, on Wednesday, February 15th, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Oxford.

BYRNE.—On February 9th, 1978, after a long illness, borne with great courage and composure, peacefully at her home, 46 High Street, Feckenham, Worcestershire, Margaret Mary, in her 70th year. The dearly loved wife of Dennis and beloved mother of Peter and Victoria. Requiem mass at Feckenham Parish Church on Wednesday, February 15th, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to aid Cancer Research, may be sent to Father S. Brown (cheques made payable to Cancer Research), Mount Carmel, Redditch 838 SLF.

CAVENAGH, FRANCES MARY.—On February 8th, peacefully, at home, dearly loved wife of Michael and wonderful mother of Lois, Isabel, Rachel, Felicity, Charles, John, Deborah and Francis. "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Our Lord Jesus Christ." Service at St. Paul's, Hatfield Road, St. Albans on Tuesday, February 14th 2.30 p.m. and burial at 3 p.m. Hatfield Road Cemetery. No flowers, please, but donations to The Gideons, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, or British Red Cross, St. Albans.

GOWING.—On 9th February, 1978, peacefully at home, Noella Gowing (nee Sherriff), wife of the Reverend John Gowing. Requiem at St. Augustine's, Archway Road, Highgate, on Thursday, 16th February, at 7.15 p.m. Funeral at the church on Friday, 17th February, at 11.15 a.m., followed by cremation at St. Marylebone Crematorium. No flowers please but memorial donations to Oxfam.

INNES.—February 8th, Ian Dunbar, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.G.P., V.R.D., aged 56 years, suddenly at home. Dearly loved husband of Mary, father of Eleanor, Catherine and Duncan. Cortege leaves 10 Park Avenue, Hull, Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., for service St Ninian's Church, Chanterlands Avenue, Hull, 2.50, prior to cremation 3.20.

JEFFERY.—On February 7th Elisabeth beloved wife of W. Jeffery and mother of A. and W. Jeffery. For 12 years Secretary and Bursar of the Study Centre. Loved and respected friend of Erica O'Donnell.

LANDA.—Elie Lucien, on February 8th, peacefully in hospital, aged 70 years, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather.

LEE.—On February 9th, 1978, suddenly at his home in Greenock, John Lee, C.B.E. Beloved husband of Muriel, greatly loved by his children James, Ian and Karren, and by his grandchildren, relatives and friends. Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Greenock, on Monday, 13th February, at 12.30, followed by private family cremation. No flowers please.

MARSTON, EDITH JOAN, M.B.E.—on February 10th, 1978, aged 60 years, loved sister of Elizabeth and Brian at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Road, Tooting Bec (opposite fire station), London, S.W.17, on Thursday, February 16th, at 1.30 p.m. Followed by committal at Streatham Park Crematorium, Rowan Road, London, S.W.16. Family flowers only, please. If wished, donations to Cancer Research.

MIDDLETON.—On 9th February, 1978, peacefully in hospital, Charles Wallan, of 2 Kenilworth, Pittville Lawn, Cheltenham, beloved husband of Hilda. Funeral service at Alveston Parish Church, near Bristol, on Tuesday, February 14th, at 1.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Canford.

O'CONNELL.—On February 6th, Viola, widow of Air Commodore G. P. O'Connell of Crawley, Hants., and Winchester. Funeral service at Crawley Parish Church, on Wednesday, February 15th, at 11 a.m., followed by private cremation. Enquiries to John Steel & Son Ltd., Winchester 4693.

PEARCE.—On Feb. 8th, of Emphysema, after a long illness, Edward Augustus Pearce, late 3rd Carabiniers, of Cappagh House, Askeaton, county Limerick, aged 73, beloved husband of Mary, father of Alastair and Roderick and of Tony and Gill. Private funeral. Instead of flowers Teddy's wish was a donation in his memory to Hunt Servant Benefit Society, 35 West Rd., Storrington, Pulborough, Sussex, for Injured Jockey Fund, Ely, Cambs.

POLACK.—On 8th February, at home in Bristol, Violet Sophie, aged 93, widow of the late Philip N. Polack, much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation private. No flowers, by her request. Donations may be sent to Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond St., London, W.C.1.

RYAN.—On 10th February, 1978, at Pietermaritzburg Natal, Doctor Joseph Ryan, formerly lecturer at the university of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, brother of the late Father William Ryan S.J. of Stonehaven, R.I.P.

SHEARER.—On 3rd February, Thomas Hamilton Shearer, O.B.E., of 24 Frinton Court, Frinton-on-Sea, after a long illness and a series of operations faced with great courage. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations to the British Diabetic Association.

STUDHOLME.—On 9th February, 1978, Philip Gould, peacefully in hospital. Funeral on Wednesday, 15th February, at the Park Crematorium, Aldershot, at 2 p.m. No flowers, please, by request, but donations to the Parkside Creche for Mentally Handicapped Children, c/o The Mayor's Parlour, Farnborough Town Hall, Farnborough, Hants.

TIGG.—On 7th February, 1978, Josephine Muriel, in her 70th year, wife of the late Ralph Tigg and much loved sister of Isabel and Francis, suddenly at her home, 54 Blair Court N.W.8. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, on Tuesday, February 14th, at 12 noon (West Chapel). Flowers may be sent to Leverton and Sons, 212 Eversholt Street, N.W.1.

TRUEMAN.—On 7th Feb., '78, in hospital after a short illness, Florence Kate, aged 80, widow of Sir Arthur Trueman, K.B.E., F.R.S. Private cremation. Family flowers only.

WAINE-WALKER.—On 9th February, 1978, in hospital, Katherine Dalbiac, widow of Oscar Waine-Walker, late of Knock Nacarr, Cushendun, daughter of the late Colonel Cleghorn, of Sandy, Bedfordshire. Funeral private.

WICKLOW.—On February 8th, at a private nursing home in Dublin, William Cecil James (8th Earl of Wicklow, K.M.) beloved husband of Eleanor. Deeply regretted by his family and friends.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SCOTT-ELLIOT.—A memorial service to Walter and Dorothy Scott-Elliot will be held at Ewes Church, Langholm, Dumfriesshire on Thursday, 16th February at 2.30 p.m. A London memorial service will be held later, the date of which will be announced in "The Times" and "Telegraph" newspapers.

IN MEMORIAM

DALE.—Remembering with infinite love and ever present memories, my husband, Dr William (Billy) Dale, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Who died on February 11th, 1971—Jo.

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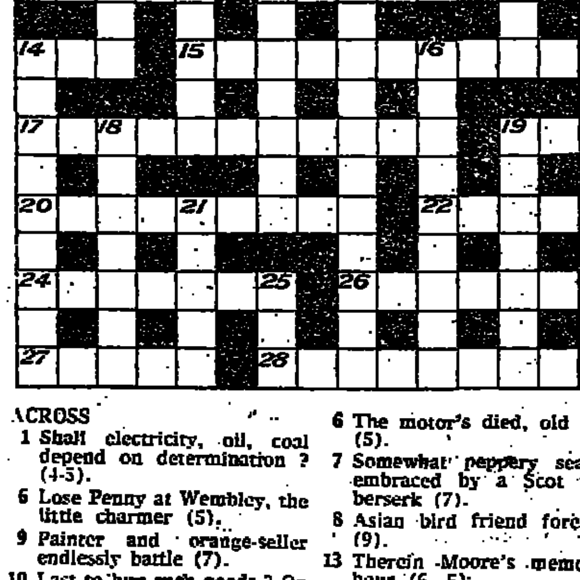
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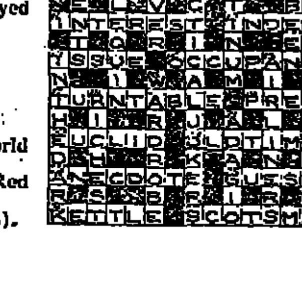
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1 Shall electricity, oil, coal depend on determination? (4-5).
6 Lose Penny at Wembley, the little charmer (5).
9 Painter and orange-seller endlessly battle (7).
10 Last to buy such goods? On the contrary (7).
11 Present-day stocking stocker (5).
12 Cleanse a degree of wickedness herein (4-5).
14 Call of the Low Countries? (3).
15 Wingless parrot of party hopes and fears (7, 4).
17 Dangers disarmed for Hotspur (4, 7).
19 Fish, not rightly bream (3).
20 Slipped ice-load if lukewarm (9).
22 Boatmen here opposing a female compatriot (5).
24 State in the manner of two degrees (7).
26 Painful to a child's horse that's about all in (7).
27 Directions Gay's black-eyed girl has to follow (5).
28 Jump up 'twixt talk (9).

DOWN

1 Hamlet's lit up (5).
2 DHL in Italy (7).
3 Old character on the world stage (9).
4 "Grandma's" call to Red Riding Hood? (4-7).
5 Family a shade unkind (3).
6 The motor's died, old bean (5).
7 Somewhat peppery seaman embraced by a Scot gone berserk (7).
8 Asian bird friend forever! (9).
13 Therein Moore's memoried hour (6, 5).
14 When the wild game I'd 'ed may tire (6-3).
16 "Stately" home of teeth-grinding townsfolk, say? (9).
18 Ask distractedly about a girl in weatherproofs (7).
19 Elizabethan end of Aurora, Aurora (7).
21 Just picture, in Lima, gentlemen (5).
23 A return to Greek type of speech (5).
25 Hand to mouth goddess? (3).

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